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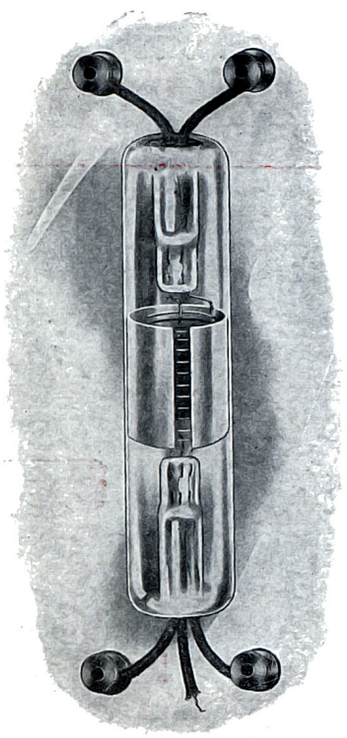

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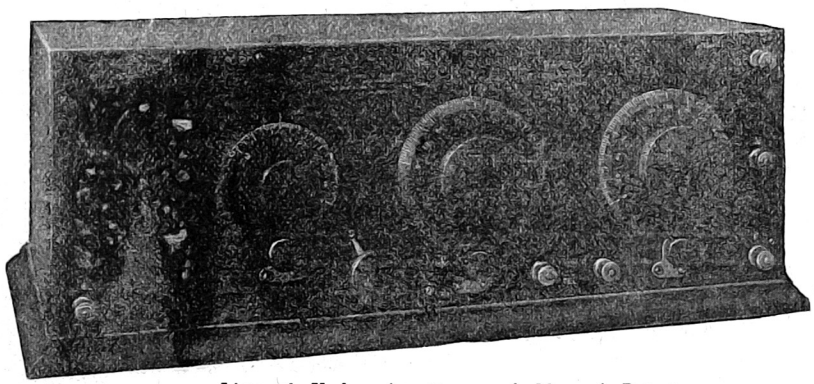

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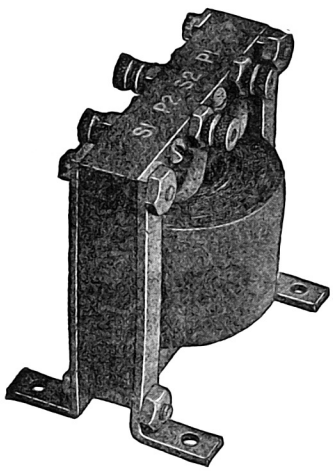

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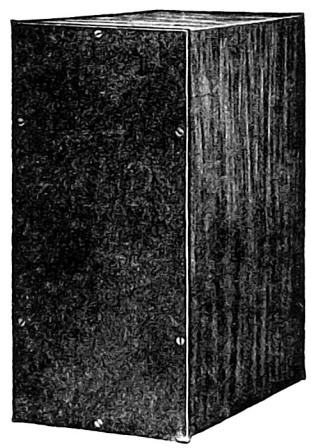

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Fool Ideas

ONCE upon a time there lived a young fool whose first name was Guglielmo. Like all fools he was of an inquisitive nature. When he was quite young his professors of physics had assured him that the air was one of the best insulators imaginable. Of ether they knew and thought little. Nevertheless, this young fool, whose second name by the way was Marconi, seriously questioned these teachings. So he started to experiment with spark coils and coherers and other fool paraphernalia, and by and by he found that though his professor had been right and the air really was an insulator, he could in spite of this send messages across space. A little later this same young "fool" thought that he might send messages from Ireland to America, in spite of the fact that a wall of water, due to the curvature of the earth, intervened to several hundred miles in height.

He knew quite well that the electro-magnetic waves could not travel through this water wall, but nevertheless, he had a notion that he might send messages across it, although all the wiseacres of that day laughed and scoffed at his preposterous dreams. You know the result. Messages now fly across the sea every hour of the day, and while the waves may not go through the water, they certainly curve around it, and most of our scientists today are still not quite certain as to how it is all done.

Then there was another young "fool," whose first name was Tommy. Tommy had been assured by all the experts of the day that a vacuum was one of the best non-conductors of electricity. This, however, failed to impress him. So one day Tommy, whose second name by the way was Edison, took an electric bulb and inserted two filaments in it instead of the usual single filament. Quite foolishly he tried to find out if electricity would now pass across the vacuum intervening between the two hot filaments. Contrary to all physics books, it did just that—and our audion today is the result. We could go on *ad infinitum* quoting similar "fools" who made history, but this is not the object of this editorial.

People like to walk the beaten track because it is easier. Only the exceptional person leaves the road and tries to forge ahead into the unknown. As a rule that person strikes it rich. Perhaps our readers would not mind reading another recent "fool" idea described by Mr. Robert Selden Rose, of Marquette, Mich., on page 298 of this issue. What Mr. Rose does is of course contrary to every good sense, and according to Hoyle should never work. Strange to say, however, it does, and so it goes.

Which brings us to another "fool" idea of the day. We are now deeply immersed in what we may technically call the vacuum tube "wave." Everything is vacuum tubes. It is the rage of the day. Talk to anyone about detectors, and he would immediately picture a vacuum tube. Nothing else has any room in our imagination today. To be sure, the vacuum tube has done wonderful things and continues to do wonderful things, and far be it from us to belittle its wonderful achievements. But that should not deter us from looking ahead, and asking ourselves: Is there really nothing better than the vacuum tube for detecting electro-magnetic waves? There is nothing of that sort, to be sure, today, but what will tomorrow bring? No one doubts for a moment that more sensitive and better detectors will some day be evolved.

Of course, considering the vacuum tube alone it is not so very wonderful if used as a detector. As anyone who has done a lot of radio work knows, a really sensitive piece of galena or radiocite will detect almost as well and in many cases better than the audion, but of course the crystal detector is utterly insensitive when compared with a two or three-stage amplifier.

Now for the fool idea. Is it impossible to take a crystal detector and make an amplifier of it? Is it not possible to devise some means whereby the sensitiveness of the crystal detector can be amplified similarly as the vacuum tube detector is amplified? This is, of course, only an idea, and the writer does not know how it can be brought about, but it certainly should be possible. Has anyone ever tried a good crystal detector in a high vacuum under all experimental conditions? Has a crystal detector been tried in various gases? Has a crystal detector been subjected to high compressed-air experiments? These are only a few thoughts—worth perhaps nothing—worth perhaps a lot if they lead to other thoughts. Then again, we might take a crystal detector and place it into some kind of a magnetic field in order to get results. Has anyone ever tried this? Some years ago, the writer constructed an audion which instead of the usual plate had a piece of pure silicon. He thereby obtained a double action, viz., a crystal detector as well as audion combined and the device worked well.

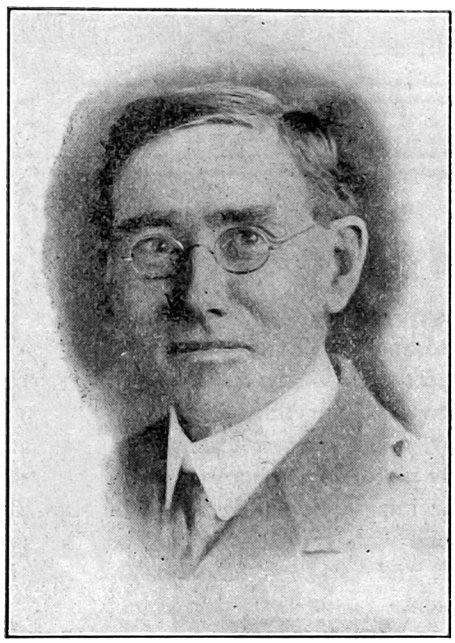
These are only ideas, fool ideas perhaps, but worth looking into. Who will be the first to make a crystal detector an amplifier? He would earn the ever-lasting gratitude of the radio fraternity.

H. GERNSBACK.

Enter—The Radio Preacher

How a Preacher in Wichita, Kansas, Broadcasts Sermons via Radio

By C. A. STANLEY*



Dr. C. B. Wells, the Original Radio Preacher.

YE olden time circuit preacher in Kansas who rode from parish to parish, little dreamed that twenty years hence his more modern followers would step to the radio transmitter, close the switch and for twenty minutes preach to a greater number of listeners than his complete circuit preaching ever reached. Even the average layman, quite well read in scientific subjects, does not always realize the wonderful strides made in radio telephone and telegraph research work.

THE FIRST AND ORIGINAL "SKY" PILOT

From my private station in Wichita, Kansas, there is transmitted every evening, at a specified hour, such radio news and data as may be of interest to the local amateur and experimenter. On a certain Sunday evening in May, as I sat in my station ready to send out my evening "Q S T," Dr. C. B. Wells, who by the way, is teacher of Bible at Fairmount College as well as pastor of the Fairmount Congregational Church, chanced to pass, droppt into the station, took me to task for not having attended morning service, and then and there suggested that the use of the radio station on the Lord's day should henceforth be devoted to the Lord's work. I immediately took down Dr. Wells' sermon and transmitted it to the hundreds of stations within hearing; and it has now become an established practice to send out these sermons every Sunday evening at 7:30. Letters of appreciation addressed to the "Radio Preacher" and the "Wireless Parson" have been received from all parts of the middle west.

A jeweler located in a small town in northern Kansas, where little ever occurs to disturb the country folk, goes to his store every Sunday evening, copies the sermon on his jewelers receiving set and posts it on a bulletin board in front of his store where a goodly number of non-church-going people gather to read the Doctor's sermon.

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THE "BUG" CAUSES SEPARATION OF MAN AND WIFE

On July the 18th this year, Dr. Wells' sermon was sent out as usual, a portion of which follows:

"The subject for tonight is "Love One Another." This sounds rather mushy to some people, but in these three words is found the secret of success for the nation, the firm and the individual. Without love life is a failure. Did you ever stop to think that love is simply a desire to help the other fellow play the game fair and look the world square in the face with a feeling of pity for the man who is crooked?"

Shortly afterwards I received the following letter from southern Texas:

Radio Preacher, 9BW,

Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sirs Was listening in tonight and working a number of hams, when I heard for the first time your "Q S T." I tuned the old receiver in until you were very QSA and copied your sermon. Say O. M. that's the first sermon I have listened to for ten years. Am station agent here for the —— Railroad, and four years ago I acquired the wireless bug. Put up an aerial and constructed a receiver. Sure enough, I soon got the fever in real shape, sat up nights until long after midnight. For awhile everything went O. K. but after a while the late hours became an old story to friend wife, and she accused me of neglecting her and the baby. Well, maybe I did, so I laid off for awhile; but alas, I couldn't keep away from the old set. Well O. M. the story's a long one, and to cut it short, wife and baby left me. They now live with her mother over the other side of town. I see them about every week. Yes, I guess I love them, but I sure love to hear the old "sigs" come in. I am wondering tonight what I am made of, your sermon O. M. has sure torn a hole in me, I just don't seem to care to listen in, don't know what's the matter, guess I am out of sorts. Well I will listen for your sermon next Sunday. Cul. O. M.

REUNITED

On July 25th the QST was sent out in the regular manner and we were told that Dr. Wells was out of the city. We therefore listened to a venerable Preacher, whose subject was an old one yet ever new—"And a little child shall lead them." The little folks were all dresst in their best bib and tucker. He spoke in part of the innocense and beauty of the child in the home, of the influence for good on the parents. "How often the little child takes the parents' hands and looking up into their care worn faces, says. Good Papa, Kind Mamma." What a soothing effect this little Heaven-sent angel has on our home relations." Boys, if you are a family man, how is it with you are you letting the little one in the home lead you?

Then, on July 28th I received another letter from our radio friend in southern Texas which was of a very pathetic nature and speaks for itself. The letter follows:

Radio Preacher,, 9BW,

Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Radio Preachers Last night I listened-in as usual, copied your sermon, which was very QSA. That was sure some sermon. I never before thought that I would have any use for preachers, but I have changed my mind. Your sermon reached the right spot in my heart if I have any. Say, O.M. I must confess that when I finished copying your QST I was a mess. I bawled like a kid. Well, I'll tell you, I threw the old receivers on the table

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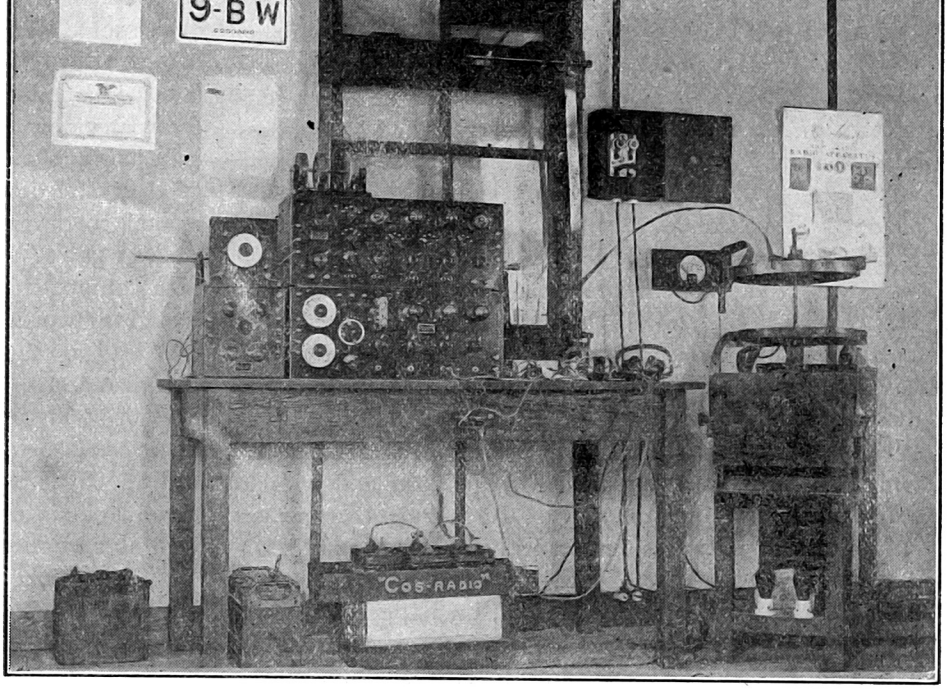


Private Amateur Station of Mr. Stanley, at Wichita, Kansas, Who Has Establisht a Daily "Q S T" to Local Enthusiasts, Which Includes the Sunday Sermons of Dr. Wells.

The Radio Compass on Merchant Vessels

By ARTHUR H. LYNCH

TWO instances of vessels having been saved by the *Radiogoniometer;** its value, as well as some of its faults, were recently obtained in an interview with Captain Maxson, of the Morgan Liner "Momus," who disclosed some very helpful information.

A short time ago a Navy seaplane, the F-5-L, flew from Norfolk in a direct line to a battleship, which was at sea 95 miles from land, entirely guided by radio compass. The pilot had no previous knowledge of the warship's whereabouts. The return from the battleship was flown entirely by radio compass direction as well.

Before the signing of the armistice a great deal of radio compass experimentation was carried on by our Air Service in conjunction with the British, especially for use on the huge Handley-Page bombing machines which were to have carried tons of bombs for early Berlin deliveries. The reports upon the practicability of the method used were very favorable at that time.

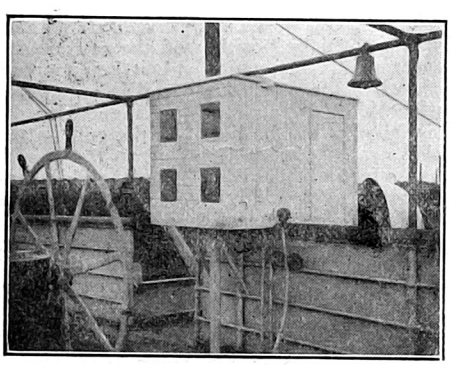
It is of interest here to recall that the NC-4, in making her rans-Alanic flight, was directed from one destroyer to the next, from Trepassey Bay, Newfoundland to the Azores, by means of her radio compass.

The use of the instrument on planes also allows them to be certain of locating their landing fields, no matter what the weather conditions may be, providing that intermittent signals are sent out from the field radio station. Guided by their compasses all that is necessary is to fly in the direction from which the signals emanate and judge the distance from the plane's position to the landing field by the *intensity* of the received signals.

STRIKING EXAMPLES

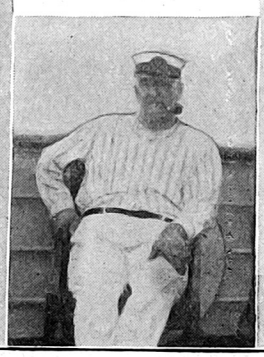
There recently occurred what was probably the first actual instance of locating a vessel in distress by the employment of the radio compass. The incident is told by Radio Operator L. Leighton, of the S. S. *Bakersfield*.

In order that rescuers could determine the location of the S. S. *Rock Island Bridge*, which was in distress, it was necessary for her to communicate with two land compass stations every fifteen minutes, plot the cross-bearings and determine her position thereby; the same method was resorted to by the *Bakersfield*, and by a comparison of the two positions thus obtained the latter vessel was able to move in the direction of the disabled one. This method of securing cross-bearings from the shore compass stations was the only one which was possible at the time on account of the heavy fog which prevented the steamers from making the usual observations. A very complicated

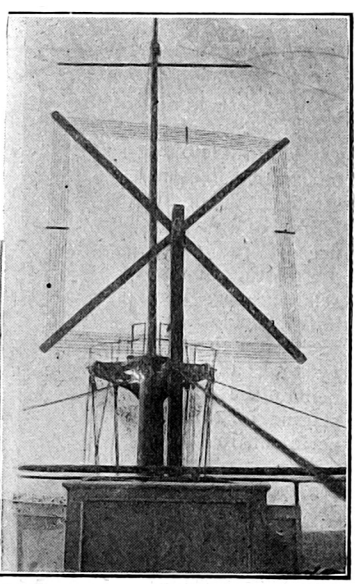


The Radio Compass Shack Conveniently Situated On the Bridge of the "Momus." The Loop Rises Directly Above the Center of the Roof.

*Often referred to under the more general names of radio compass or direction finder.



Captain Maxson Taking Life Easy While the Radio Compass is on the Job. To the Left is Shown Operator Krieger; to the Right is Seen the Loop in Use on Board the "Momus."



method, indeed, but the only one available and great credit is due the men who were able to perform it.

A very similar instance was disclosed by Captain C. P. Maxson, Commander of the

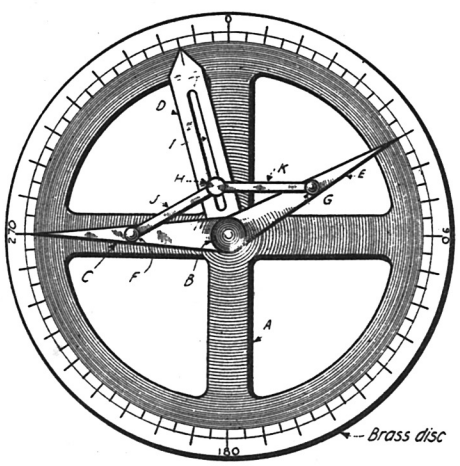


Fig. 1. A Clever Device for the Instantaneous Calculation of Angles Secured in Radiogoniometric and Other Navigational Problems.

S. S. *Momus*, of the Southern Pacific Steamship Company. A freighter was in distress, somewhere in the vicinity of Key West, and her position was accordingly transmitted broadcast. One of the United Fruit ships proceeded to the position indicated, but found nothing of the vessel. The freighter, however, was still above water and was in communication with the fruit ship. A series of messages followed which failed to bring the vessels any closer together. Meanwhile the incident was being closely watched by other vessels within range, and it was at this point that the radio operator of the *Momus* saved the day. He instructed both vessels to secure cross-bearings from shore compass stations; they did so and shortly after the spot of the floundering freighter was found and the crew taken off before she sank. The *Momus*, in addition to being a great distance from the scene, was facing a very heavy sea, and in turning about might have capsized.

Both these maritime instances serve to indicate that even with clear weather it is sometimes impossible to figure accurately the position, as well as the fact that the method employed would have been entirely out of the question had the steamers been too far from shore to secure the compass cross-bearings from the U. S. Naval Radiogoniometric Shore Stations. Incidentally the lives aboard these two vessels were saved by radio and the field of radio utility for safety and convenience was again doubly proven.

At this late date, when radio offers the utmost in safety devices for vessels in danger, does it not seem strange that so few vessels are availling themselves of the safety factor afforded by the radio compass? It is true that our government is spending a great deal of money in the establishment and maintainance of the goniometric stations along our coast line. They fill a long-felt need, namely: that of affording bearings and cross-bearings for vessels desiring to enter a harbor in foggy weather and playing the parts outlined above, but they are far from being adequate when the positions of steamers great distances from shore are desired.

Few navigators of the American Merchant Marine are alive to the benefits which may be derived from the proper use of the radio compass, but the first one to display a hearty interest is Captain Maxson, who has used two types of instruments, and his findings are very instructive.

In 1912 when running between New York and New Orleans on the S. S. *Comus*, arrangements were made with the Marconi Company for the installation on his ship of a radio compass, of the Marconi-Bellini-Tossi type. Tests covering a period of six months were made and the greatest error observed by the Captain was six degrees. One of the engineers of the radio company made a round trip and said that the greatest error he observed was five degrees.

When the two triangular loops which form the antenna of this type of goniometer were erected, no particular attention was given to an effort to have the base of one triangle *exactly* parallel to the ship's keel instead of nearly so and the other loop having its base exactly athwart ship. The captain is of the belief that more accurate readings would thus have been possible.

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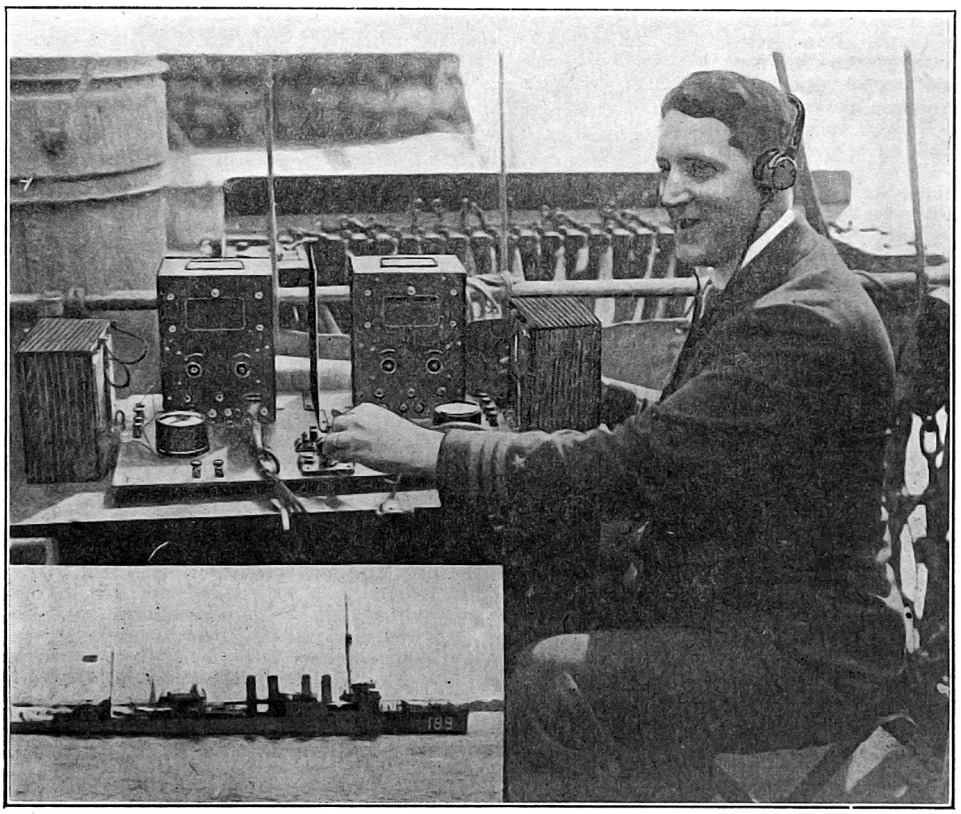
The Invisible Radio Pilot

A Successful Experiment Demonstrating How Audio Frequency Principles May Be Applied to a Positive Method of Piloting Vessels Into Harbors and Rivers During a Fog

By PIERRE H. BOUCHERON

AN interesting demonstration took place on October 6th, which demonstrated the possibility of making use of radio for the piloting of vessels entering harbors during fog. Incidently the Navy took a prominent place in the staging of the experiment, in fact a destroyer of modern type, the *U. S. S. Semmes* commanded by Commander H. H. Norton was specially detailed for this work.



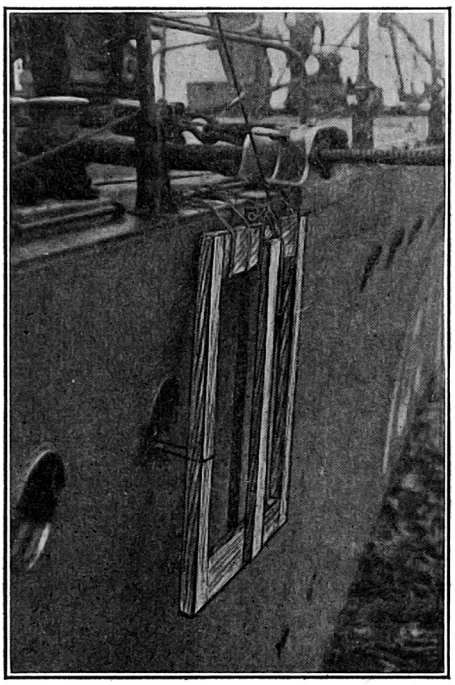
Commander R. McConnell, U. S. N., Head of the Radio Division of the Brooklyn Navy Yard in the Act of Piloting the U. S. S. "Semmes" With the Aid of the Cable. The Insert Was Taken While the Destroyer Was Under Way Off Coney Island, N. Y., and While Directly Over the Cable. Captain S. C. Hooper, U. S. N., of the U. S. Bureau of Engineering is Largely Responsible for His Vision in Applying This War-Time Invention to Peace-Time Needs.

Strictly speaking this is not a radio story. No statement is to be made concerning a new type of ultra-sensitive amplifier, nor can we make mention of a super-powerful transmitter. However, since a well-known radio principle is employed in this instance, it is both timely and important that radio fans should be given some of the essential details concerned for no one will deny that the present achievement is not due to specific advance of the radio art. Incidently, Mr. Earl C. Hanson, of Washington D. C., who has done much research work with audio frequency currents, is largely responsible for the present success of the system.

Perhaps it is not amiss to mention the fact that a great number of prominent men were on hand to satisfy themselves as to the practical features of this latest of Navy development. Such men as Messrs. Lowenstein, Commander McConnel, Expert Radio Aid Crossley, Radio Aid Lang of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Mr. Clark of the Radio Corporation, a gentleman who suspiciously resembled Mr. E. F. W. Alexanderson of high-frequency generator fame, as well as many others.

The primary object of the demonstration was to show the possibility of piloting vessels thru narrow channels by intercepting a magnetic field, caused by passing an alternating current thru an ordinary submarine cable. In this instance the data given out by the Navy Department may be briefly summarized as follows:

An insulated electric conductor or cable is laid along the line of the fair-way in river mouths or harbor entrances, and a source of alternating current is impressed upon the cable. One terminal of the generator producing the alternating current is connected at the shore end to a ground connection. The other terminal of the generator is connected to the insulated conductor or cable. The terminal of the cable is grounded at a point at the entrance of a harbor or is electrically connected to the outer steel armor, which serves as a protective sheath to the cable. As is well known it is a fundamental law of electricity that any conductor carrying an electric current produces a magnetic field around that particular conductor. The current producing the magnetic field can be of a direct, pulsating or alternating nature. In this case of course it is alternating.



Starboard Loop of the U. S. S. "Semmes" Which is Employed to Pick Up the Energy Radiated by the Submerged Cable.

In the system recently demonstrated, the power source consists of a 1 kilowatt, 500 cycle motor-generator unit installed at Fort Lafayette, a small Naval magazine located near Fort Hamilton, at "The Narrows," New York Harbor, which delivers approximately 3.5 amperes of current to the cable at 375 volts. This current is in turn interrupted by an automatic transmitter spelling out the word "NAVY" in the Continental Morse Code, in order that the signals may be readily distinguished from possible nearby legitimate radio signals.

The apparatus used for the reception of signals consists of two coils of several hundred turns of small copper wire wound in the form of a square, in the manner shown in one of our illustrations. The coils are each connected thru a D.P.D.T. switch to a two-stage vacuum tube amplifier in which instrument the current induced in the coils by the rise and fall of the magnetic field with each alternation of the 500 cycle supply current, is magnified approximately 400 times. Being of an audible frequency it readily acts on the diaframs of the telephone receivers worn by the navigator on the bridge of the vessel as may be seen by referring to the larger photograph on this page.

In view of the fact that the direction of the field is *concentric* to the cable and that its intensity is greatest in the center of this field or directly around the cable, it is obvious that the strength of the received energy will vary with the distance of the coils from he cable.

The intensity of the received energy also varies with the position of the coils in respect to the magnetic field, it being greatest when the plan of the coil is parallel to the cable. In approaching the cable, the signal will first be heard in the coil on the side nearest the cable owing to the shielding effect of the vessel's hull. This renders the system directive to the extent of being able to determine on which side of the vessel the cable lies, this fact being readily ascertained by throwing the D.P.D.T. switch from the port to the starboard coils or vice versa.

After settling on a course which is parallel to the cable, the vessel may assume a position directly over the cable, which is indicated by a maximum and equal signal in each coil or may carry a maximum in one coil, preferably the port coil, which

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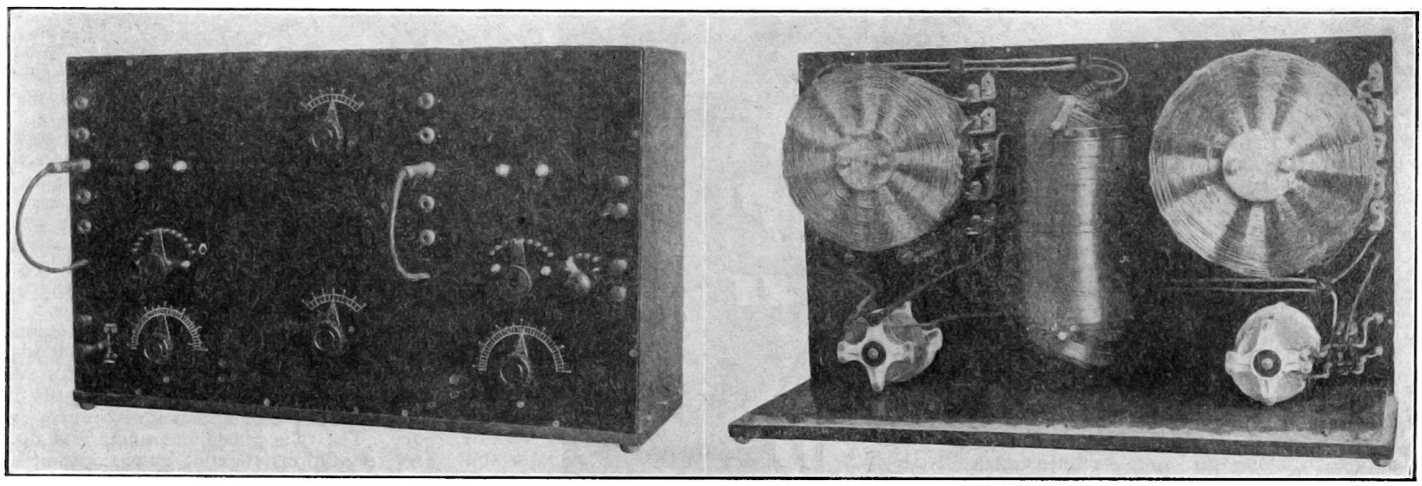
Effective 150—20,000 Meter Reception

Some Excellent Data Concerning a Combination Short and Long Wave Receiver Embodying Stagger-Wound Inductances

By D. R. CLEMONS*



Front and Back View of the Complete Receiving Unit Making Capable the Reception of Waves Ranging from 150 to 20,000 Meters. The Feature of This Set is That When Receiving on Low Wave Lengths All Unused Inductance is Cut Out and "Dead Ended"; This Being Accomplished by the Plug and Jack System Shown on the Panel.

THIS descriptive article accompanied by photographs and diagrams deals with a recently constructed equipment designed and built by myself for practical usage over all wavelengths between 150 and 20,000 meters wavelength.

This equipment operates over the entire range of wavelengths without distortion, frequency changes, variation or local reactive disturbances of any kind. It is composed of a combination of three bands within one cabinet; each effectually "dead-ended."

While I do not claim any new features within this equipment, I should like to see such equipment appear in the many stations whose owners are desirous of such effective equipment. For this reason, the accompanying photographs and prints may serve as a guide for those who are without information of any sort.

There are many problems which confront the builder of receiving equipment. Ordinarily these problems concern new and unnecessary devices that not only affect the reliability of the set, but are also an expense that might have gone to more important portions of the receptor. After many years of experimenting, the real goals become simplicity and efficiency combined. One should not be sacrificed for the other in any case.

Amateurs now desire to receive all stations available to them. This requires receptors capable of adjustment over wavelengths of 150 to 20,000 meters. It is a great advantage to possess a receiver of sufficient range for such reception. A receiver of such proportions becomes even more desirable when contained within a *single* cabinet. Transmitters of larger power now employ continuous waves for transmissions over great distances. For the efficient reception of these, the receiver must be provided for undamped reception. The set may also be regenerative on spark signals.

The instruments to be described are a receptor of 150 to 20,000 meter range, and a detector-amplifier unit of two stages.

In the receiver illustrated, all unused inductance is cut out and "dead-ended" when any value below maximum is added to the circuits. Normally, the total value of inductance is in the circuit. Plug and jacks are employed for adding and "dead-ending" values of inductance. The units used singly and together provides ranges of 150-900, 900-6,000, 6,000-20,000 meters, respectively.

A key switch places a variable condenser in series or shunt to the primary system when tuning on very short or long waves, as the case may require.

The autodyne method is used for undamped reception. An inductive feed-back is provided for generating local oscillations. The set becomes regenerative by suitable adjustment of the tickler coil. This adjustment is valuable for spark reception.

Self - balancing variable condensers are used in both primary and secondary.

Coupling between the antenna and detector circuit is effected through a small bank-wound inductance mounted below the secondary system. Both tickler and coupling coils are mounted in brass bushings at the ends of the secondary solenoid. A friction bearing holding each in any position.

For both loading systems, flat spiral *stagger-wound* inductances are used. Nine of these unique coils are used for the primary — four of these being of smaller radius to provide space for

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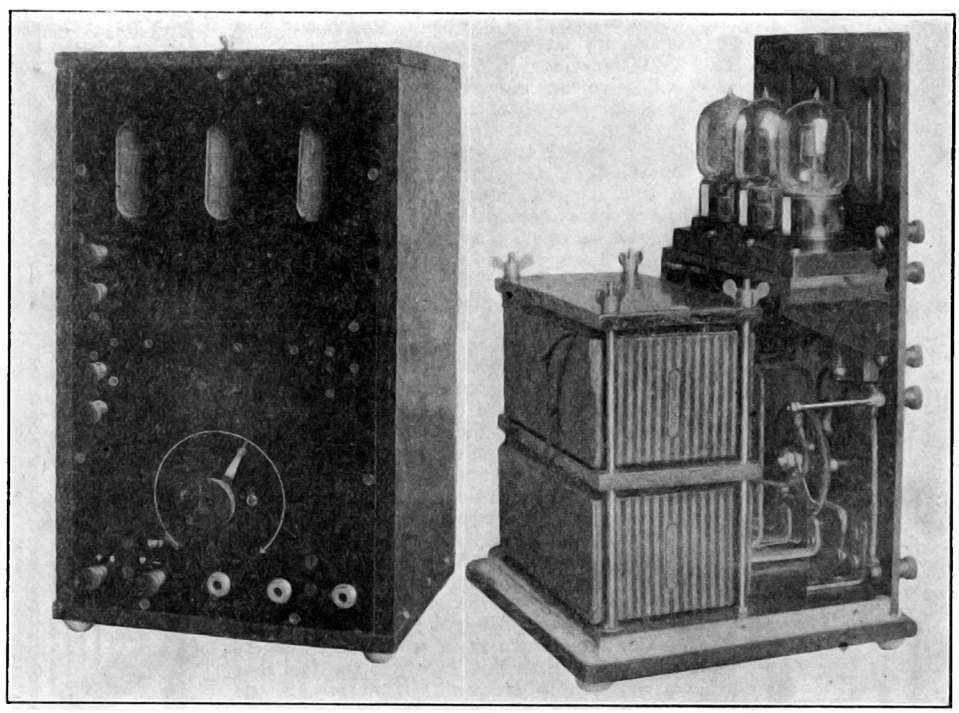

Detector-Amplifier Unit Which Mr. Clemons Has Employed in Connection with the Short-Long Wave Set Shown in the Above Photograph. Note Well the Ingenious Manner of Securing the High Voltage Plate Batteries to the Base of the Instrument.

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Electron Power Tubes and Some of Their Applications*

Part 2

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OSCILLATING CIRCUITS FOR POWER TUBES.

A great deal has been publisht on this subject and the principles involved are pretty widely understood. However, such publications have dealt mostly with receiving circuits in which the requirements are somewhat different.

Some general considerations from the viewpoint of power-tube operation will be given and these points explained in connection with a typical circuit.

In practically all the forms of oscillating circuits used at the present time three fundamental adjustments are necessary in order to get full output at the best efficiency and desired frequency. In some forms of circuits the variation of one factor will change another, making the complete adjustment a complex matter.

These three fundamental adjustments are:

(1) Variation of inductance or capacity or both in the resonance portion of the circuit to obtain the frequency desired.

(2) Adjustment of the ratio of transformation between the plate circuit and the load circuit.

(3) Adjustment of the voltage value, phase relation and normal d-c. potential of the energy fed back to the grid for self-excitation.

The first and probably the third of these adjustments are well known and need no further explanation; but the second one, the adjustment of the ratio of transformation between the plate circuit and the load circuit, is not as well understood as it should be.

Since power tubes are used mostly for radio transmission, an antenna as a load will be considered.

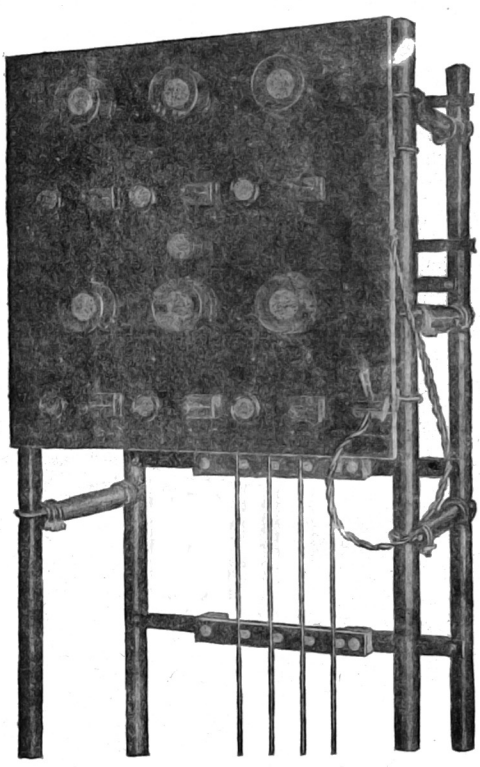

Fig. 8. Pliotron Unit Panels Containing Only Pliotrons and Individual Control Apparatus.

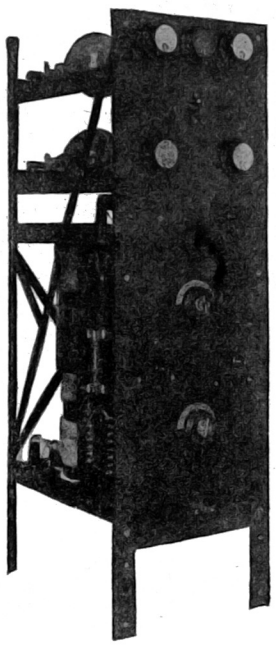

Fig. 7. Pliotron Panel for 50,000 Cycles.

For energy calculations the antenna may be replaced by a resonant circuit having concentrated inductance and capacity. In an artificial circuit of this sort the energy radiating property of the antenna is replaced by a resistance and it is customary to consider a resistance in series with the inductance and capacity rather than a higher resistance shunted across the two.

For instance, ten amperes flowing in an antenna circuit of 0.001 microfarad and one millihenry at the resonant frequency of 159,000 cycles (1885 meters wave length), will give an energy dissipation of 1000 watts if the series resistance is ten ohms. An equivalent dissipation in energy would take place if the series resistance of ten ohms were replaced by a resistance of 100,000 ohms shunted across the capacity.

For every condition of operation of a three-element tube as an amplifier or oscillator, there exists a particular value of plate impedance and the use of this value of resistance in the plate circuit will give a maximum output of energy. This is a well known fact and has been brought out by many writers.

Now supposing the normal operating impedance of the tube to be 5000 ohms, it is very apparent that the voltage generated by the tube is not at all suitable for direct excitation of the antenna. Therefore, a transformer or its equivalent must be placed between the plate circuit and the antenna circuit.

In the case mentioned the ratio of transformation between impedances of 5000 and 100,000 would be the square root of this ratio or approximately 1 to 4.5.

The actual turn ratio would be considerably higher than this, owing to the fact that in most radio frequency transformers the voltage ratio falls below the turn ratio.

An equivalent to a step-up transformer is a variable coupling, but in this case the plate circuit must be made resonant by the addition of a capacity shunted across the plate inductance.

In order to get full output from a tube it is necessary to have only resistance effective in the plate circuit. Any excess value of inductive or capacity reactance means a heavier current for the same energy delivered (the so-called wattless component) and this component gives an added loss in passing through the necessary impedance of the filament to plate path in the tube.

In any circuit built to energize an antenna at a number of quite widely different wave lengths, this ratio must be varied for each wave length in order to get best results, because the effective antenna resistances will vary. The tube impedance under fixt operating conditions remains quite constant except thru very extreme ranges of frequency where the capacity effects between electrodes becomes appreciable.

One form of typical oscillating circuit quite widely used for energizing a radio transmitting antenna is shown in Fig. 4.

The first variation mentioned, that of change of inductance or capacity to get the desired wave length, is accomplisht in this case by variations of the inductance of LA.

The inductance L_p and L_a have a fixt close coupling and the second adjustment, that of variation in ratio, is accomplisht by variation by taps in the number of turns of L_p. In most cases the ratio of L_p to L_a is a step-up one; but if the tube impedance is unusually high and the antenna resistance (expressed in the usual way as equivalent series ohms) rather higher than the average, the ratio in the direction as above stated may be slightly step-down.

If a direct current ammeter is placed in one of the leads from the direct current source E_b, so as to indicate the average

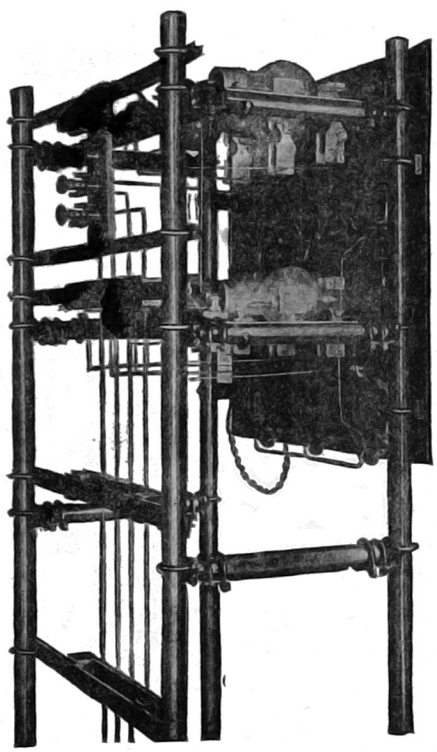

Fig. 9. Rear of Panel Shown in Fig. 8.

Part 1 of this paper appeared in the October number of RADIO NEWS.

plate current I_b and an ammeter inserted in the antenna it is very easy to set the transformer ratio at the proper value.

Starting with a large number of turns on L_p, other adjustments being properly made, both the value of plate current I_b and antenna current I_a will be low.

As the number of effective turns on L_p is decreased the values of I_b and I_a rise. Since E_b is held constant while antenna voltage increases with increase of I_a, the rate of increase of I_a will be less for a constant value of efficiency.

In most cases of high voltage power tubes, the adjustment is made for best efficiency considering the maximum safe load on either the tube or the source of supply at E_b. In either case the value of L_p is adjusted until the ratio of $\frac{I_a^2}{I_b}$ is a maximum.

If the number of effective turns of L_p is decreased beyond the best point there will be an increase of I_b with little or no increase in I_a. Finally, if the number of effective turns of L_p is unduly decreased, the oscillations will usually stop and I_b take up a value dependent upon the static characteristics of the tube.

Of course as in the case of transformer design at commercial frequencies it is not only the ratio of turns between L_p and L_a

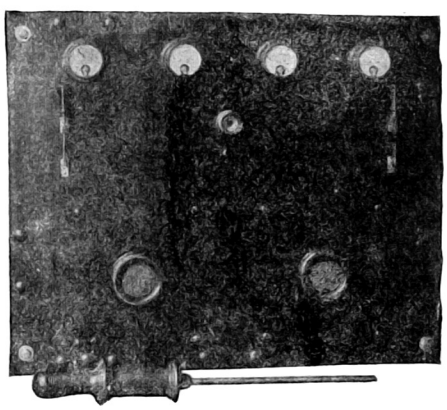

Fig. 10. Power Control Panel for Use with Pliotron Units Shown in Figs. 8 and 9.

that is important, but also the actual number of turns used on the coil L_p. Too few turns will give an excessive exciting current relative to normal load current and too many turns an excessive impedance to the load current. Owing to the fact that air with its uniform magnetic permeability is usually used for the magnetic circuit of the coils the permissible range of design variation is increased over that of commercial frequency transformers.

If a variable coupling between L_p and L_a is employed rather than variable turn ratio, a condenser must be placed across L_p to form a resonant plate circuit if full output is desired. If this condenser or an equivalent is not used there will be an excessive inductive reactance in the plate circuit.

The third adjustment, that of grid excitation voltage, is accomplisht by variation of L_g, its coupling to L_a and the value of R_g (see Fig. 4).

In the actual arrangement of a circuit of this type incorporated in a finisht piece of apparatus, there are several features which are of interest.

In radio telegraphy the telegraphic dots and dashes require rapid make and break of the energy to the antenna. This is usually accomplisht by placing a key in series with the high grid resistance R_g of Fig. 4. In this way it is only necessary to make and break the relatively low current and low potential of the grid circuit. Opening the circuit at this point allows the condenser C_g to charge up so as to give the grid a high negative value of potential, thus cutting off the flow of plate current to the tube which

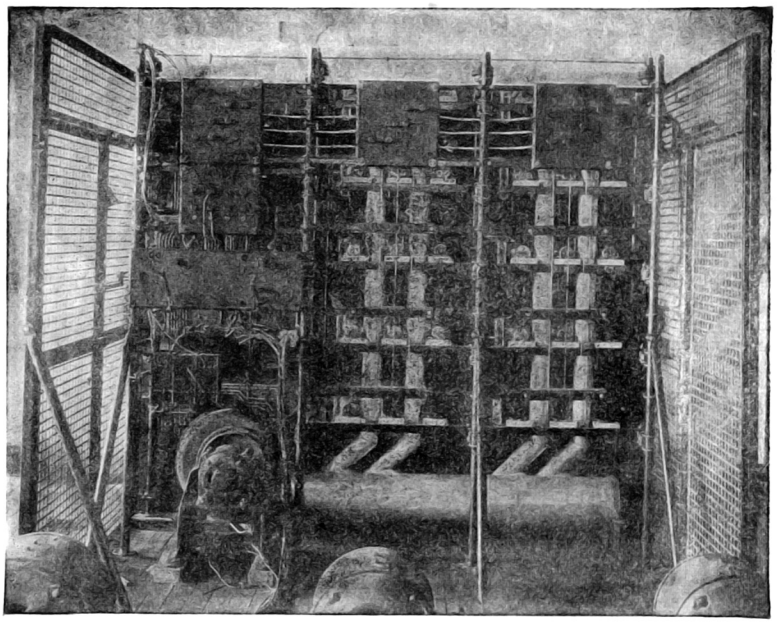

Fig. 12. Rear View of 30-Tube Pliotron Panel Shown in Fig. 11.

in turn reduces the input and therefore the ouput to zero.

Now, the condenser C_g has usually a small value of capacity of the order of a few hundred micro-microfarads. Therefore, the rate of its charging up and the resultant rate of decrease of the plate current I_b is extremely rapid, much more rapid than the opening of a pair of contacts because there is no arcing or sparking.

In most power tube work the source E_b is a high voltage, direct current generator. In such a machine the number of turns in an armature coil is large and therefore the armature inductance is high. If the flow of current thru this inductance is suddenly interrupted there naturally follows a considerable step-up of voltage across the armature terminals.

Therefore, there is an abnormal instantaneous voltage strain liable to cause a breakdown, which breakdown of insulation usually occurs between some point on the armature coil near the plus end and the core of the armature, because the negative armature terminal and frame are at, or near, ground potential.

As an example, a certain more or less standardized form of high voltage direct current generator rated at 1,500 volts, 2 kw., 1,800 r.p.m., had an armature inductance of approximately one henry. The full load current was 1.33 amperes and it is readily seen what a high surge of voltage was caused when this current was brought to zero in a very small fraction of a second.

It is therefore necessary to put some form of protective device across the terminals of E_b which will pass current when the voltage arises above a certain predetermined value.

Aluminum cell lightning arrester equipment* has proved to be an excellent form of protective device and it has been found advisable to use them when the energy input exceeds 500 watts at 500 volts or over. For the lower powers a condenser of as large a value as practical should be shunted across the source E_b.

When a circuit is incorporated in a finisht piece of apparatus in which the wiring is more or less complicated by the requirements of operation, it is often noticed that the adjustments, particularly that of the grid excitation, are more critical than in a similar but simple experimental circuit. This can be usually accounted for by the capacity effects between adjacent wires and inductive effects between wires of different circuits which are naturally closer spaced and of greater number than on an experimental layout.

In operating tubes of the larger type in parallel it is usually advisable to include a fuse and ammeter in the plate circuit of each tube. The ammeter allows the location of a defective tube to be noted and the fuse throws out of circuit a tube drawing excessive current.

In the parallel operation of tubes, trouble is often experienced with sudden values of

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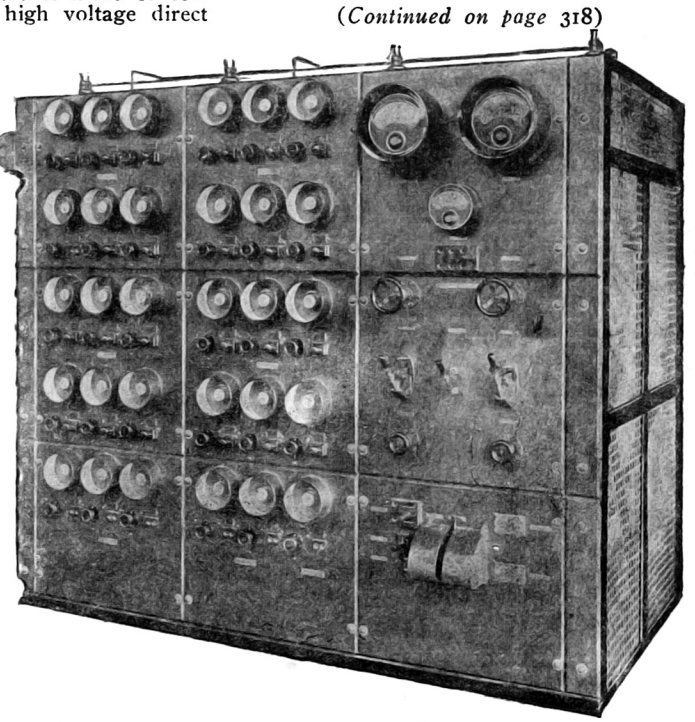


Fig. 11. Thirty-Tube Pliotron Panel, a Back View of Which is Shown Above.

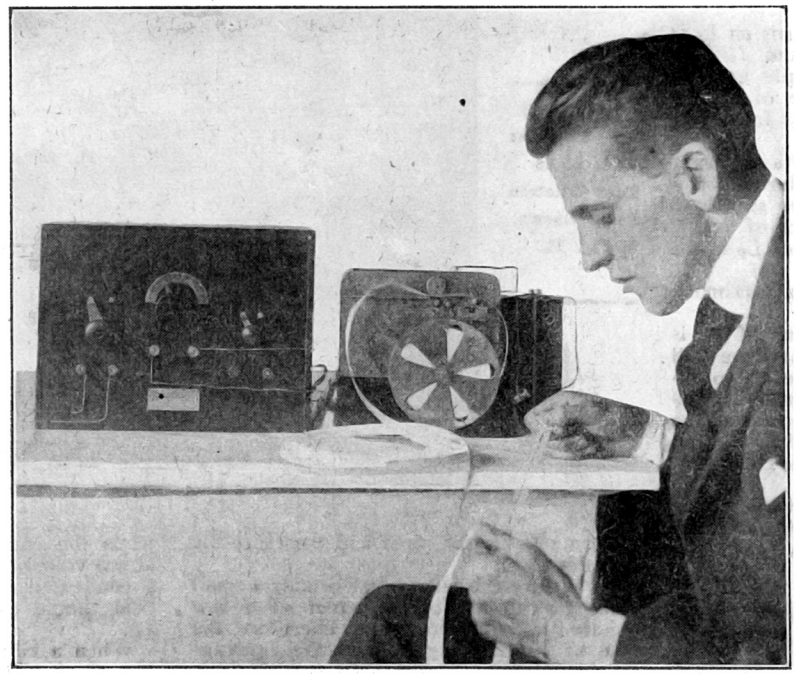
* "The Construction and Maintenance of Aluminum cell Arresters," by R. T. Wagner, *General Electric Review*, Vol. 16, January, 1913.

Registering Radio Messages on Tape

Are the Familiar Head Telephone Receivers Doomed?

HERE is a device which promises some interesting developments in future radio and which involves not only professional but amateur stations as well. Just think of tuning your receiving set to the broadcast wave of NAA or any other station sending valuable information and by means of the present device, being able to secure a graphic record of the complete matter transmitted, without the necessity of your presence at the instruments.

Such is the claims of a device recently invented by Mr. William G. H. Finch, an experimental engineer of Buffalo, New York, and who incidentally has been granted a patent by Washington. The radio recorder which is shown in the accompanying photograph sends with an ordinary tape register similar to those employed on regular telegraph lines. This feat is made possible by the employment of a super-sensitive relay which is designed and constructed along entirely new lines and which will function by the action of remarkably weak electro-magnetic impulses. This relay in turn closes the circuit of a second relay which controls a somewhat heavier battery current necessary for the operation of the tape recorder, or whatever other device may be connected in the circuit. Thus incandescent lamps may be lit, motors started, horns operated, and bells rung by this system with ease and simplicity.



William G. H. Finch, the Inventor of the Radio Signal Recorder. The Illustration Also Shows the Essential Instruments Connected With the Successful Operation of the Device. It is Claimed for This Invention That it Will Accurately Register on Tape Radio Signals up to 2600 Miles When Employing a Vacuum Tube Receiver Circuit.

HOW IT WORKS

Fig. 1 shows a schematic wiring diagram which will give you a general idea as to how the device operates.

The radio circuit is brought to a point of resonance in the customary manner by the use of variable inductances and capacities. A detector and a pair of head phones are used to "tune in." Both of these may be switched out of the circuit when it has been brought to resonance. Maximum current will then flow thru the special relay device which will in turn operate the second or heavy-current relay mentioned before.

Under test this new relay worked perfectly over surprising distances and when used in conjunction with other efficient apparatus it can be depended upon to render very good service. It is simple and there are no unduly delicate parts exposed. By using the special relay in connection with at least one audion amplifier the distance over which it will operate can be increased considerably. With several stages of amplification the relay will operate over what might be termed long distances.

Radio engineers have long been endeavoring to perfect a device that would function on very weak currents and if the present development proves successful it will certainly receive a good welcome. It is well known, of course, that the English engineers of the Marconi Co. recently perfected a device along these lines that upon the receipt of a radio distress signal at sea and which we reviewed in these columns some months ago. This is to be employed for emergency use only and will not be used for ordinary communication. The fact that the Marconi Co. has been interested in this problem proves that its importance to the field is well recognized.

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OUR TITLE CONTEST

AS you probably have guessed, it is not the easiest thing in the world to get up a cover for RADIO NEWS. Ever since the inception of the magazine, the editor establisht the policy to present one month a technical cover, and alternate it next month with a "human interest" cover. The underlying idea is that if we ran technical covers all of the time, we would probably not attract new "bugs" to the game, whereas we have found that our "human interest" covers attract many people in all walks of life who otherwise might not become interested in radio. Thus we found that we fulfill our mission by making the radio art known to more and more people every day.

Now, then, a cover is not the only thing which your editor has to worry about once a month, while he revolves at a high frequency in his bed. Not only must he think up the cover for the magazine, but he must provide a suitable title for the picture as well. Sometimes these titles come in with tolerable audibility,, but frequently the mental static is bad, and the whole system seems grounded.

So last month when your editor got up a front cover, everything ran along smoothly, but when the selection of the title came around, the psychic detector adjustment was K. o'd., and no sensitive spot could be discovered in our whole mentality. Everything was as dead as a burnt out V.T. "Sigs" were entirely missing, while there was a goodly amount of Q.R.M. going on inside of our think-box, which made the "reception" even harder. So the editor gave it up as a bad job, and declared that he would "let George do it."

Hence the cryptic dollar marks in lieu of a title on our front cover this month. Perhaps you can tell us what our cover is all about. Frankly, we do not know, and what is more we do not care; it's *your* magazine—*we* never read it! We have a vague and hazy idea of the action of the "plot," but somehow or other our key is sticking badly and we are not in a position to "Q.S.T." the title as of yore.

Suppose you try and see what you can do to supply the missing title. We too thought it was easy at first. Perhaps you'll find it so after all. Everybody can compete, and there are no restrictions save that *there must not be more than eight words to the title.* Furthermore, the title must be explanatory of the picture, and the fewer words you use the better. If you can do it in three words, wel'll like you all the more. The prize winner will be awarded $25.00, the second best title will be awarded $15.00, while the third best title will receive $10.00. The editors of RADIO NEWS will be the judges of the prize titles.

If more than one person submits the winning titles each will receive the prize offered.

Contestants are not restricted from sending in more than one title. They may send in as many as they wish. It is also self-understood that the title must be of a radio nature to fit in with the picture. This contest will close in New York on December 10th. The prize winning titles will be announced in our January issue.

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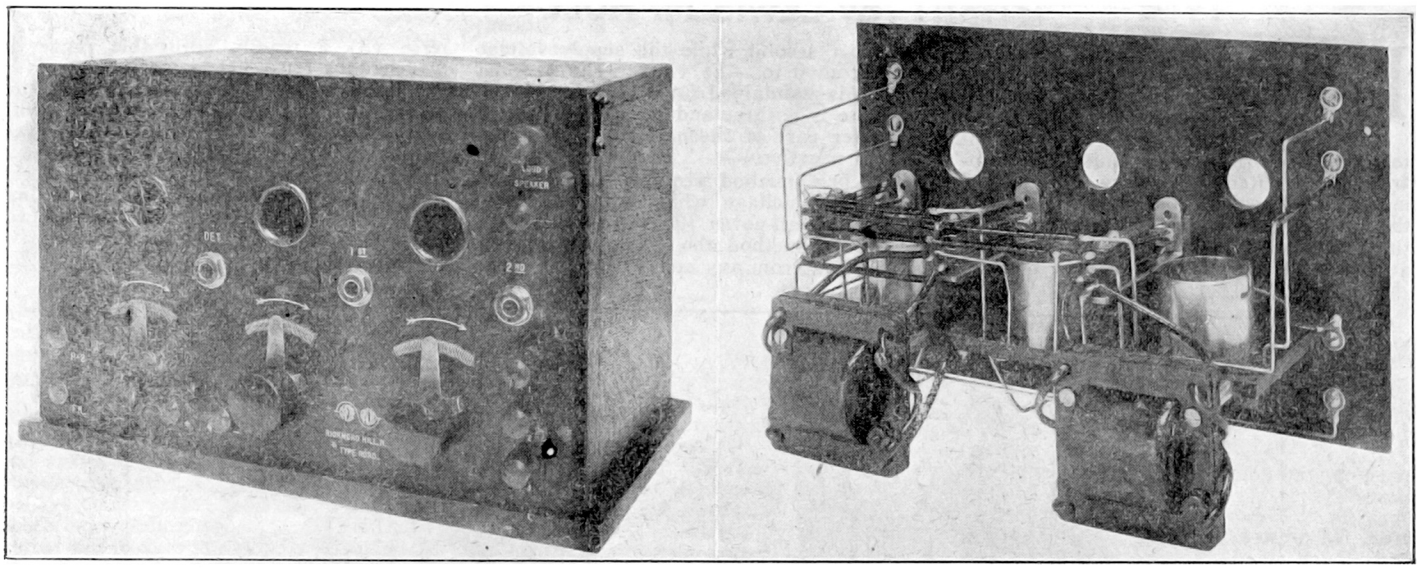
New Amplifying Apparatus*

Some Interesting Units Embodying the Automatic Filament Control Feature

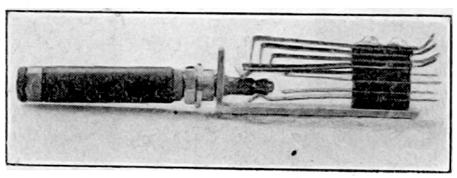


To the Left We Illustrate the Panel View of This Important Unit Employing Detector and Two Stages of Audio Frequency Amplification. To the Right is Shown "the Works." This Instrument is Unique in That it is Fitted With Automatic Filament Control as Described in this Article. This Type of Apparatus Represents Up-to-the-Minute Operating Efficiency.

IN times past, before the fundamental truths about the designs of radio apparatus were known, but little effort was put forth towards the perfection of convenient operating control features. Undoubtedly this was partly due to the encouragement given to the design and construction of freak apparatus having the greatest possible number of adjusting knobs all for a single purpose. In many instances half of the knobs or other forms of adjusting devices could be removed from the apparatus without sacrficing any of the necessary adjustments. Behold, this is all rapidly becoming ancient history.

The critical radio man of today will have none of this "Ginger-bread" design and will listen to no alibis of "High Efficiency" in an attempt to camouflage poor design and workmanship. In fact he is looking eagerly towards the time when the operation of a radio station will involve much less juggling of apparatus.

In the design of this type of apparatus * the necessity for convenient operating control has always been kept in view and it is but a natural outcome of concentrated effort in this direction that has produced the AUTOMATIC CONTROL feature. This system as applied to all apparatus which includes more than one vacuum tube, places it on a high plane of operating as well as electrical efficiency. The system gives the operator instant control over the vacuum tube circuits and also effects an



The Plug and Jack and Method of Contactors Making Automatic Control Possible.

appreciable saving in the life of both vacuum tubes and batteries—a most desirable factor.

As a specific example, attention is directed to the detector and two stage amplifier circuit diagram of Fig. 1. If will be noted that the insertion of the telephone plug into the jacks corresponding to the detector, first stage and second stage positions will cause the filament circuits of the corresponding vacuum tubes to be lighted. Thus with the plug in the detector position, the filament of the detector tube is lighted. With the plug in the first stage position the filements of the detector and the first stage amplifier tubes are lighted and finally when the plug is in the second stage position, all three filaments are placed in operation. This means that the *initial adjustment* of the individual filament rheostats may be left undisturbed permanently and subsequent control of all the stages can be accomplished by merely inserting the plug into the proper jack. As an additional feature, provision is made for transferring the output of the second stage amplifier to a set of binding posts marked "loud speaker," see Fig. 2. This transfer is made by inserting the plug only *part way* into the second stage jack which causes the filaments to be lighted but leaves the telephone disconnected. This position is indicated by a marked unmistakable click caused by a turned groove in the end of the telephone plug.

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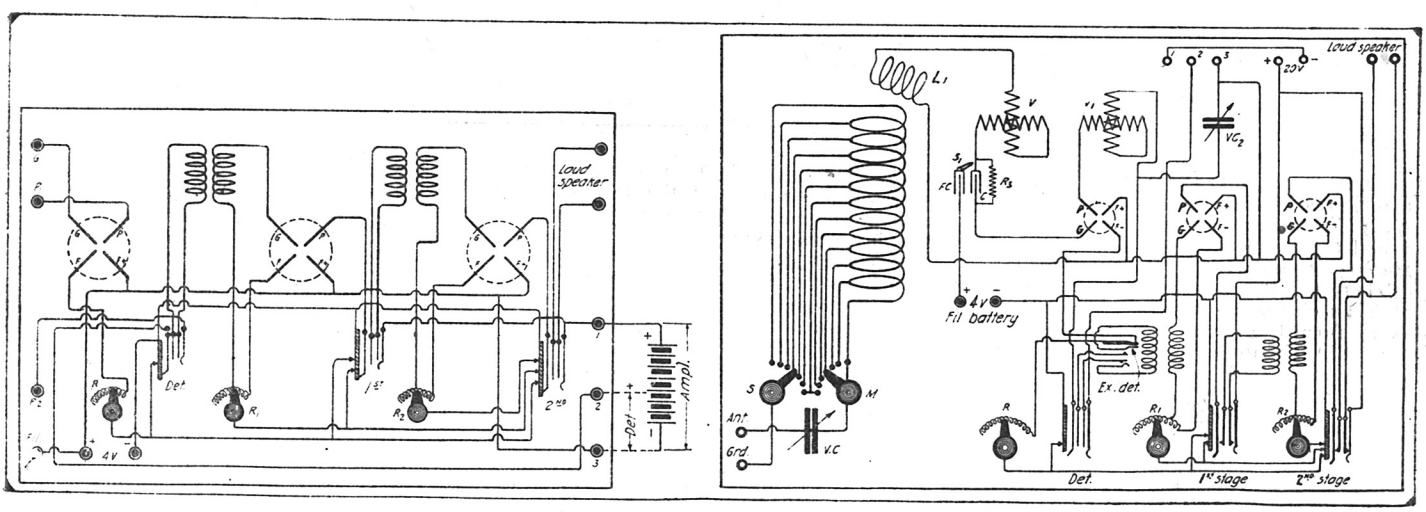

The Left-Hand Diagram Illustrates the Wiring Hook-Up of the Detector-Two-Step-Amplifier Unit Shown in the Above Photograph, While the Right Hand Diagram Shows the Rather Interesting Hook-Up of a Short Wave Regenerating Unit of Same Manufacture and Which is Equipped With the Same Control Feature.

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Electron Tube Transmitter of Completely Modulated Waves

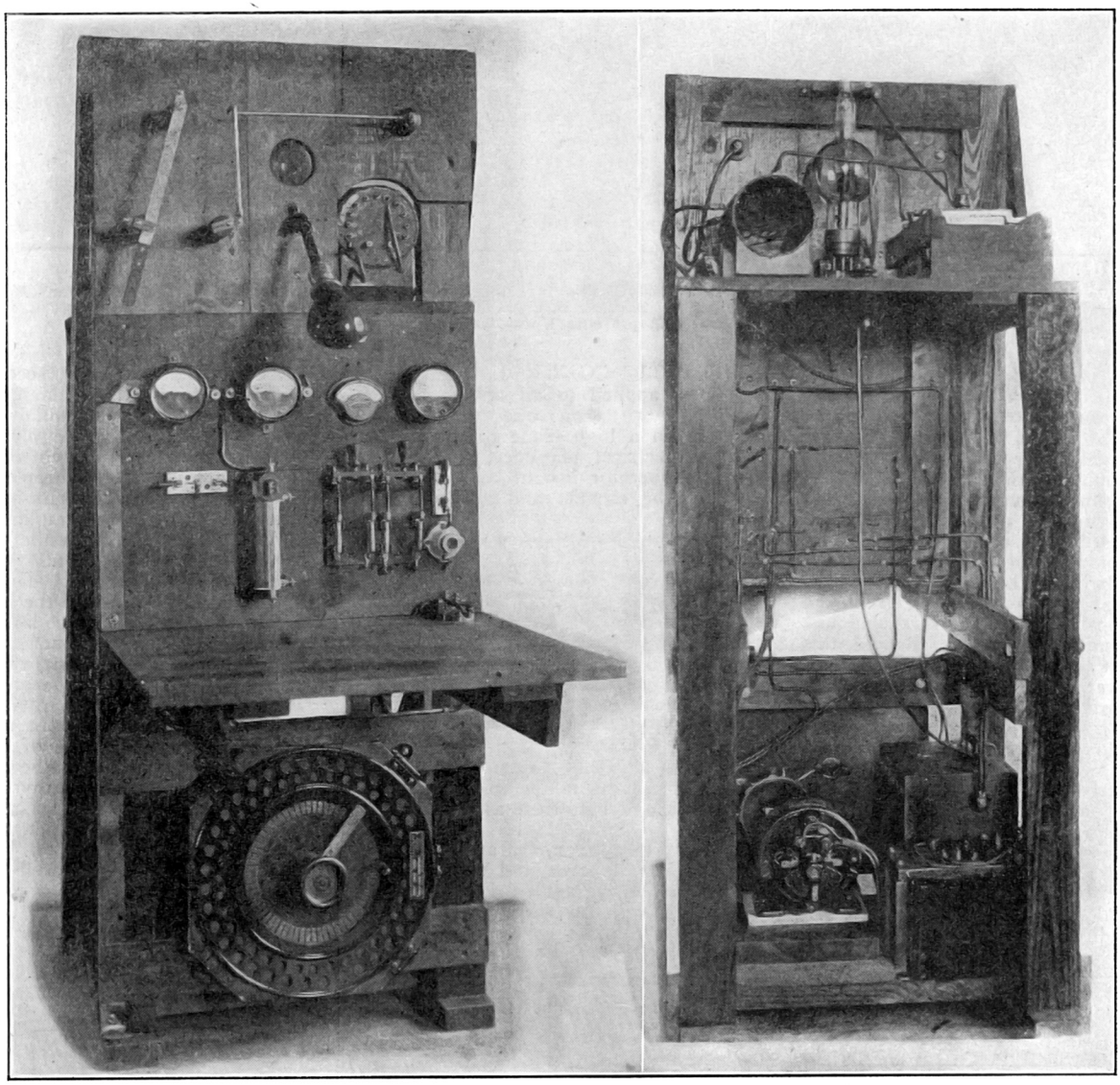
By LEWIS M. HULL*

IN order to utilize a radio-frequency oscillation of given power most effectively in a non-oscillating receiving system, it must be completely modulated, the periodic reduction of the current to zero occurring at a suitable audio-frequency. Radio-frequency harmonics, manifested by distortions in the shape of the radio-frequency or carrier wave, limit the total power radiated by a transmitter at a single frequency to which the receiver is tuned. Audio-frequency harmonics, manifested by distortion in the envelope of the radio-frequency oscillations from sinusoidal form, determine the response of any amplifying and rectifying detector.

There are two possible methods of operating an electron-tube generating system so as to furnish a completely modulated output: (1) The use of a direct supply voltage in connection with a mechanical interrupter or "chopper," which periodically breaks the supply circuit, causing the antenna current to be reduced to zero; (2) the use of an alternating audio-frequency supply voltage. If the frequency of the supply voltage be F and the peak value E_b, then the plate is positive with respect to the filament F times per second while the supply voltage rises from 0 to E_b volts, and negative F times per second while the supply voltage falls from 0 to $-E_b$ volts. The antenna current is maintained for a half cycle when the plate is positive and is reduced to zero a greater part of the half cycle when the plate is negative.

The first method requires a source of high direct voltage which may be inconvenient if high-power tubes are used. With the second method the whole system can be operated from any audio-frequency generator with suitable transformers for the high-voltage plate and the relatively low-voltage filament. The note produced by telephone receivers actuated by the rectified output from the transmitter corresponds to the frequency F. Consequently, a desirable value for F would be 800 cycles per second, *since most audio-frequency receiving apparatus is designed for best operation at about that frequency.* If no 800-cycle generator is available, a 500-cycle machine can be used.

A transmitter of this description has been designed and built at the Bureau of Standards. The set fulfils the following requirements: (1) Use of a single Type "P" pliotron, with 500-cycle, 150-volt alternator; (2) power output exceeding 200 watts in an antenna having 8 to 15 ohms resistance and a natural wavelength below 200 meters; (3) a readily adjustable range of wavelengths from 500 to 1,000 meters; (4) transmission of completely modulated waves, making possible their reception with crystal detectors; (5) sharply tuned waves, in order to avoid excessive interference over long series of tests. The set has been used in fog signaling and direction finding experiments, and in transmission tests carried out as part of an investigation of wave propagation.



Front and Back View of the Complete Set Assembled in the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards at Washington, D. C.

This Particular Set Was Assembled Upon a Panel Designed for a Different Purpose and Might Have Been Constructed in a More Compact Form.

In designing the set the average power output in a given antenna was taken as the criterion of its merit as a transmitter of radio waves. *The kind and degree of modulation of the waves radiated determine to a large extent what type of receiving circuits should be employed to utilize this power effectively.* However, if it be understood that an appropriate receiving circuit is to be used, the effective current output in an antenna of given radiation resistance at a given wavelength determines the merit of any transmitter of modulated or unmodulated waves.

Fig. 1 is a diagram of connection of the final form of this transmitter as put into service for radio direction finding and fog signaling.

Owing to the fact that the 500-cycle voltage, when using a 2-K.W. alternator, drop

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enough to decrease the filament current by as much as 15 per cent when the load was thrown on in the plate circuit, it was found necessary to include in the filament transformer a series compensating winding. This is rendered doubly imperative by the fact that when operating a tube at high plate voltage, the power output changes to a much greater extent with slight changes in emission than when operating at lower plate voltages. The system is always kept adjusted for maximum output at the maximum safe filament current, I, effective = 3.6 amperes, and even a slight decrease in this current decreases the power output considerably, and the current output to a corresponding extent. In order to be able to adjust this transformer to give suitable compensation for the drop in primary voltage, and still be able to use it at different values of generator voltage, when it is found desirable to transmit at reduced power, it is necessary to make the number of turns in the compensating winding adjustable. The compensating winding of the transformer is composed of 100 turns No. 16 d.c.c. wire, with a tap every twelve turns from 30 to 100. The filament rheostat makes it possible to adjust the filament current for any steady value of primary voltage on the transformer; the series compensating winding makes it possible so to adjust the transformer to the supply circuit that the filament current reaches a safe maximum when the load is thrown on. If sufficient power is available from the generator it is advisable to over-compensate the transformer, making it possible to heat the filament at reduced current except when the key is pressed.

EXPLANATION OF CIRCUIT.

Fig. 1 is a diagram of connections of the modulated wave transmitter, and the following data covers the explanation of the designating letters shown: *A*. Plate and grid coupling coils. Continuous coil wound on fibre tube 5½ inches in diameter. Eighty turns No. 18 solid wire spaced ⅛ inch apart; and taps brought out every five turns on grid side and every ten turns on plate side of coil. *B*. Antenna switch. *D*. Generator field rheostat. *E*. Electron tube, Type P pliotron. *F*. Antenna coil; 30 turns-litzendraht, wound on fibre tube 6⅜ inches in diameter; taps brought out every two turns; mounted so as to slide over coupling coil, in order to vary mutual inductance. *G*. Stopping condenser; mica; $C = 0.004$ mfd. *H*. Automatic sender, driven by D.C. motor, which is supplied from the field circuit of alternator. I_2. Filament ammeter. I_1. Antenna ammeter. *R*. Filament rheostat. *T*. Supply transformer, 2 K.V.A.; ratio of turns, 40/1; full load voltages, 160/6,500. T_f. Filament transformer, special construction. The main windings consist of 200 turns No. 16 d.c.c. wire on the primary side, connected across the 180-volt supply, and 120 turns No. 16 d.c.c. wire on secondary side, connected to filament circuit.

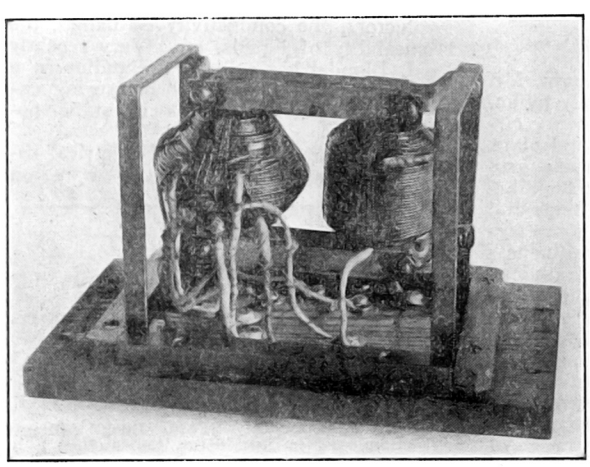

Fig. 5. This is the Filament Circuit Transformer, the Compensating Winding of Which is Composed of 100 Turns No. 16 d.c.c. Wire With a Tap Every 12 Turns From 30 to 100.

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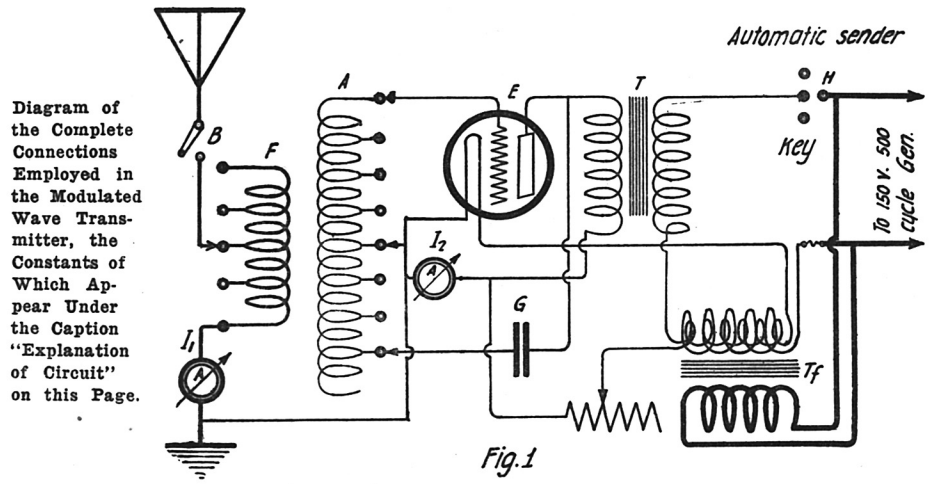

Diagram of the Complete Connections Employed in the Modulated Wave Transmitter, the Constants of Which Appear Under the Caption "Explanation of Circuit" on this Page.

Fig. 1

The transmitter described in this paper was designed to operate at short wavelengths. The performance of such a system at short waves is limited by two factors; first, the electrostatic capacity between elements of the electron tube, which may provide a reactive shunt for the oscillatory circuit; second, the approximate linear relation between power output, resistance, and capacity. Consider any short portion of the wave train when the amplitude of the supply voltage may be considered constant so far as the radio-frequency oscillations are concerned. It has been shown[1] that the output power is given for any tube by

$$P = \frac{1}{R}\frac{L}{2C} f(P)$$

where R, L and C are the resistance, inductance and capacity of the antenna and f is a function which depends upon the characteristics of the tube and upon the plate and grid coupling. Over a certain range of operation the function f, which involves the oscillating grid voltage as dependent upon the antenna current and coupling, is found to be a direct linear function. Then the output power varies inversely with the antenna capacity and with the antenna resistance. Assuming constant L, since a change in L involves a change in the function f, it is evident that if C is made small, as is the case at short wavelengths, R must be increased, in order to obtain maximum output. It may be impossible to obtain maximum output from a tube in a given antenna of low resistance at short wavelengths, particularly in view of the fact that the total effective resistance decreases with increasing frequency.

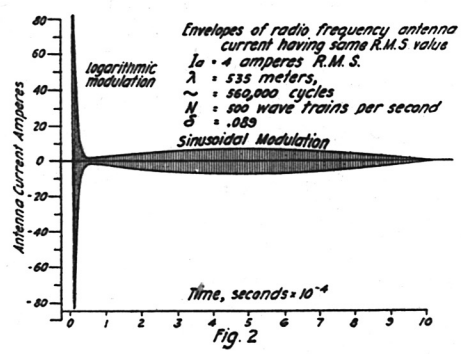

Fig. 2

Comparison of Wave Trains Emitted by a Spark and a V.T. Transmitter.

When supplying an antenna having a capacity of approximately 0.004 microfarads and a resistance of 10 ohms, this set gave a power output in the antenna of 286 watts at 600 meters wavelength, using an effective value of filament current of 3.5 amperes, and operating at an overall efficiency of 35 per cent, alternator terminals to antenna inclusive. This efficiency takes account of the power expended in the filament supply transformer and in the filament. No data are available on the efficiency of the tube alone, as ordinarily computed in terms of input to the plate and output in the antenna. It was impossible to adjust the coupling so as to obtain maximum output at the shorter wavelengths.

TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION TESTS.

Signals from this set, which supplied 5 amperes effective current to an antenna approximately 50 feet high in Washington, were copied at a distance of 100 miles by using an antenna 60 feet high, with an audibility of 10,000, using an autodyne receiving circuit with a two-step audio-frequency amplifier. Signals from this set, working under the same conditions, were received through heavy interference by using a 6-foot coil aerial and a similar detector and amplifier, at a distance of 225 miles.

It has been found in other tests that waves modulated in this fashion cannot be received with high efficiency with a simple non-oscillating detector. The voltages induced in a receiving antenna by a logarithmically modulated wave will give a response on the output side of the detector greater than that induced by a sinusoidally modulated wave train radiated from antennas in which the effective antenna current is the same, provided always that we confine our attention to short wavelengths. The truth of this statement has been proven experimentally by direct comparison of two such transmitters. It is beyond the scope of the present paper to discuss quantitatively the effects of sinusoidally and logarithmically modulated wave trains upon receiving antenna with rectifier and 'phones. However, a possible reason for such a behavior is suggested by the accompanying diagram, Fig. 2, upon which are plotted *to the same scale* the envelopes of spark and sinusoidally modulated wave trains emitted by two transmitters operating at 500 cycles and supplying the same antenna with the same effective antenna current. Altho the logarithmically modulated wave train persists only about one-twelfth as long as the sinusoidally modulated wave train, yet it rises to a peak value over thirteen times as great. In order to give some idea of

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The Audion—Its Action and Some Recent Applications

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Part 2

A historical paper of unusual interest to the Radio Fraternity

It was in the summer of 1912, when at work on the problem of audion amplifiers in cascade arrangements for telephone repeaters, that I first discovered that if the input, or grid, circuit was inductively coupled with the output, or plate inductance, the audion became a generator of continuous alternating currents, originally made evident by a shirll tone in the telephone receiver. A typical regenerative circuit is illustrated in Fig. 11. The explanation of the operation is simple. An initial impulse the plate circuit, however produced, induces a similar one in the grid circuit, which, if of proper polarity, will impress on the grid a sudden change in potential which may in its turn produce an impulse in the plate current in the opposite direction to the original disturbance. This reaction then becomes self-sustaining, provided the resistance and hysteresis losses in the two circuits are not too great; and the amplitude of the oscillating current thus set up goes on increasing, taking energy supply from the B battery, until the losses in the circuits equal the increment of energy drawn from the battery. Whereafter a alternating current of perfectly constant amplitude and wave form is maintained. The frequency of this alternating current depends on the constants of the circuit, the inductance and capacity in the input or output circuits. But under certain conditions it depends to some extent also on the recistance in the grid leak, if this be used, and sometimes, but not usually, on the temperature of the filament and the B voltage.

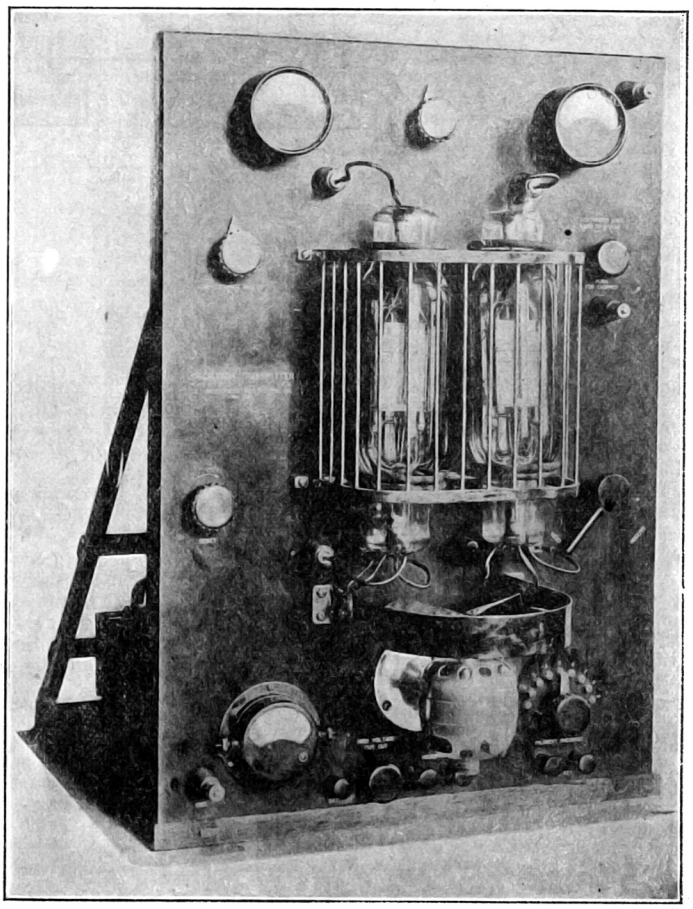


Fig. 15. Typical Oscillion Transmitter Which Utilizes Two Half Kilowatt Vacuum Tubes.

A few months after this type of circuit was first used for the production of alternating currents of audible frequency I first demonstrated the fact that weak *high-frequency* currents could equally well be generated, simply by substituting radio-frequency coils for the original iron-cored coils, and small variable air condensers for the large telephone condensers of the original experiment. And quite naturally, also, since I was at the time engaged chiefly in work on undampt wave radio transmission, this generation of radio frequency waves was first demonstrated in receiving heterodyne, or more exactly autodyne, signals. The circuit used at this early date, April, 1913, which was almost identical with that in Fig. 11—Fig. 12, shows the usual antenna receiving circuit, the usual secondary circuit connected across the grid and filament of the audion, but with another coil similar to the secondary in series with the telephone receiver, which in this case was abridged by a small condenser.

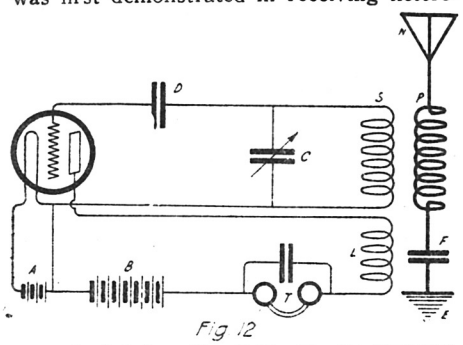


Fig 12

An Early Autodyne Circuit Used by Dr. DeForest.

AN ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERY

In the fall of that year my assistant, Mr. Longwood, and I discovered, largely by accident, that if the secondary receiving circuit be connected across the grid and plate, instead of as customary between the grid and filament of an audion, the circuit became a persistent oscillator, very simple and effective as a receiver of undampt wave signals. On account of the great sensitiveness of this combination the name "ultraudion" was applied to it. Countless modifications and adaptations of these two general types of oscillating audion circuits have been developt by radio men here and abroad. For their simplicity, the ease with which all the advantages of the beautiful heterodyne principle of Prof. Fessenden and Vreeland can be realized, the clarity of note and range of pitch which the receiving operator can instantly command—coupled with a degree of sensitiveness of a different order from that of any other type of detector—these advantages very quickly relegated to the scrap-heap the ticker and tone-wheel; and at once placed the transmission by undampt waves upon an altogether different level from that of the older spark method.

But the audion in an oscillating or an almost oscillating, or unstable, condition is also of great utility in detecting dampt wave signals, or even radio telephone currents. If the two circuits, input and output, are so separated as to interact less energetically the oscillations become weaker and finally cease to be generated. When in this condition a very feeble impulse, if properly attuned, can set the system into vibration. The resulting response develops an energy almost unrelated to the cause. Enormous magnifications are thus possible with a single audion, and spark signals have thus been received over the greatest span which it will ever be possible to reach on this earth—half way around the globe.

In receiving undampt wave signals, when the local oscillating receiver circuit is slightly out of tune with the incoming waves, the received currents on reaching the grid are amplified, first by the ordinary processes of the audion, and then combine with the local oscillations to produce "beat" notes, of audio-frequency which beat note currents are themselves amplified by the audion, before delivery to the telephone receiver. So sensitive is the pitch of this beat note to the slightest change of capacity or inductance in the circuit (when very high frequencies are employed) that in properly designed circuits a change of capacity of one-thousandth part of the electrostatic unit can be detected. A change of capacity which is caused by substituting coal gas for air in a condenser can thus be easily measured. Similarly can be demonstrated slight changes in resistance with temperature of conductors, the conductivity of flames, the permeability of liquids, etc. Very recently Prof. Blondel has utilized the audion in a balanced bridge method for measuring excessively slight differences in static potentials

The uniform generation of electrical oscillations in a circuit by means of an audion

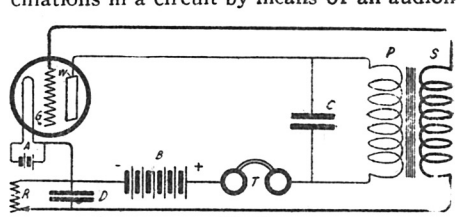


Fig 11

Another Fundamental "Feed Back" Circuit Employed in Developing the Audion.

is one of the most striking and fascinating of its applications. If these are of radio-frequency there is no sensible manifestation

of their presence, but if of audio-frequency the telephone receiver or "loud speaker" reproducer may be made to give forth sounds from the highest pitch or volume to the softest and most soothing tones. Such wide range and variety of tone can be produced from suitably designed singing circuits that a few years ago I prophesied that

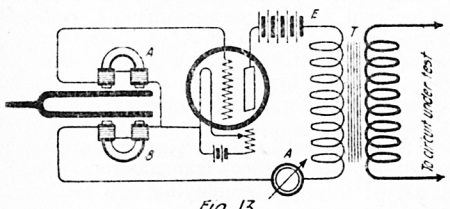


Fig. 13

In This Case a Tuning Fork is Driven by Electro-Magnets.

at some future time a musical instrument, involving audions instead of strings or pipes, and batteries in place of air, would be created by the musicians' skill.

DRIVING A TUNING FORK

But lower frequencies, even to one oscillation per second, can be obtained from the audion. Pulsations suitable for submarine cable signalling, or for chronograph and time-pendulum work, can be had of remarkable constancy and reliability, free from all difficulties of speed regulation of motors, or of any moving parts. Or a combination of mechanical time-factors, and the electrical properties of the audion can be advantageously employed. For example, a tuning fork may be driven by electro-magnets, one connected in the grid circuit, the other in a plate circuit, as shown in Fig. 13.

The movement of the grid prong here induces an e. m. f. on the grid, which in turn controls the plate current thru the other coil acting upon the other prong of the fork, thus sustaining its motion. If the two coils here shown are also closely coupled inductive reaction, or regeneration, is added to the mechanical, and very powerful vibrations may be thus set up. Various modifications of this principle will suggest themselves to physicists, who desire sparkless generation of low frequencies of great constancy. Tuned relays, highly selective to definite frequencies, and where it is desirable to reduce the damping to zero or nearly zero, can thus be constructed. The above arrangement is due to Messrs. Eccles and Jordan.

A modification of this method of linking the audion with mechanical motion is the magnetic pendulum, actuated by the plate currents through electro-magnets and inducing in another coil properly tuned impulses which, if conveyed to the grid, control thru almost senusoidal currents the successive pulls upon the pendulum (Fig. 14). When a second system identical with the first, but located at right angles thereto, is employed, the pendulum will be set into conical vibration, circular or elliptical as desired, and a revolving electric field will be produced, which can also be made to drive an armature or magnetized wheel at a certain definite speed.

There seems to be, in fact, no limit to the number of applications to which this three-electrode vacuum tube can be applied as a tool in the hands of the experimental physicist. Of especial value is the fact that it renders easily available devices having *negative electrical resistance*, as in the four-electrode device of Dr. Hull (styled the "dynatron")—or its equivalent in some mechanical form. For one fundamental property of the audion is that an electrical influence in one circuit may, thru the grid, be made to produce effects in another circuit without appreciable reaction. For the energy absorbed by the control electrode may be considered negligible—frequently less than that required in moving a galvanometer needle.

THE MICROSCOPE OF RADIO

Then, and probably the most promising field of all, the arrangement of audions in cascade as amplifiers, of pulsating currents of any form or frequency—opens to the ear what the microscope has given to the eye—new regions of research in numerous and diversified fields from physiology, for heart beats and breath sounds—to chemistry, where some even predict that we shall some day hear "the collision of individual atons with one another." During the war British army engineers used as many as nineteen audion bulbs in cascade circuit, amplifying preferably the radio instead of the audion frequency currents. With such a series it is possible to detect with certainty alternating currents of one-ten-thousandth-millionth of a volt on the input grid—involving magnifications of the order of twenty thousand times. It is an everyday occurrence now to receive radio messages from Norway or Honolulu, on a closed-loop antenna one metre in diameter, using three or more audion amplifiers in cascade between this antenna and the detector, and sometimes a similar multi-stage amplifier for audio frequencies, between the detector and the telephone receiver.

Principles which, tho long understood were impossible of application to radio signalling, have been made realizable by the audion amplifier, and the scope and value of the new art immeasurably increased thereby. For example, the use of underground receiving antenna, the direction-finder, or radio-compass loop, the elimination of static interference by either of the above, or other methods—all such were compelled to await for their successful application the introduction of the grid electrode. Starting with the small bulb used in 1912-13 as a telephone amplifier and generator of minute electric oscillations for heterodyning purposes, I began the construction of larger sizes to be used in undampt wave transmission. At first spherical bulbs, three or four inches in diameter, and taking 50 watts of plate input energy, were considered large. Such rapid progress was made in improvement of design and construction of these so-called "power tubes," notably by the engineers of the Western Electric Co., that by autumn of 1915 a bank of several hundred tubes, their input and output electrodes connected in parallel, were installed at the Arlington wireless station. By a pyramidal circuit arrangement, whereby one oscillion tube con-

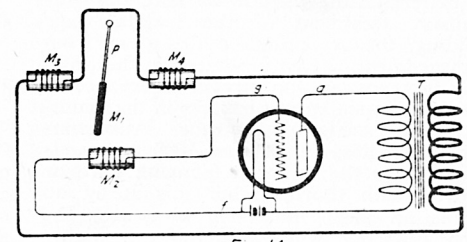


Fig. 14

Linking the Audion With Mechanical Motion By Means of a Magnetic Pendulum.

trolled a group in parallel, these in turn controlling larger groups of oscillion tubes, some twelve kilowatts of undampt wave energy was delivered to the great antenna, all perfectly controlled or modulated by an ordinary telephone microphone. By this arrangement the voice was transmitted that year as far as Honolulu and Paris, thus fulfilling predictions made in 1909 to a very skeptical world.

THE ALEXANDERSON MAGNETIC AMPLIFIER

In these Arlington tests the entire system was one of three-electrode tubes—for power generator, for current modulation thereof at the transmitter, and for detector and amplifier at the receiver. More recently Alexanderson, using his powerful high frequency alternator at New Brunswick, has controlled 80 kilowatts of antenna energy by means of his magnetic amplifier. This ingenious development of a Fessenden device was in turn controlled by a bank of large audion amplifier tubes, nicknamed "pliotrons," whereby the original microphone currents were sufficiently amplified to control the saturation currents necessary for the magnetic controlling device.

There are today grave differences of opinion among radio engineers as to what type of high-power radio transmitter will prove the key to the future—the high-frequency alternator, the Poulsen arc, or the oscillion. In my own opinion, the long-distance transmission art will shortly depart from true radiation methods; and the a. c generator, of comparatively *low* frequency, will be widely used for such subterranean, or submarine transmission, leaving for ship commiuncation only the survival of radio transmission, as it is known today. Such being the case, we will then have little use for *radio* transmitters of more than 20 to 50 kilowatts. For such transmitters I foresee the early use of a few large oscillion tubes, of, say, 5 kw. capacity each. Already we are making tubes capable of handling one and two kilowatts, using tungsten filaments and grids, and large anode plates of tungsten or molybdenum. The efficiency with which several such tubes can operate in parallel, the ease with which an amplified voice current, acting upon their grids in parallel, can control their combined output, make such a sys-

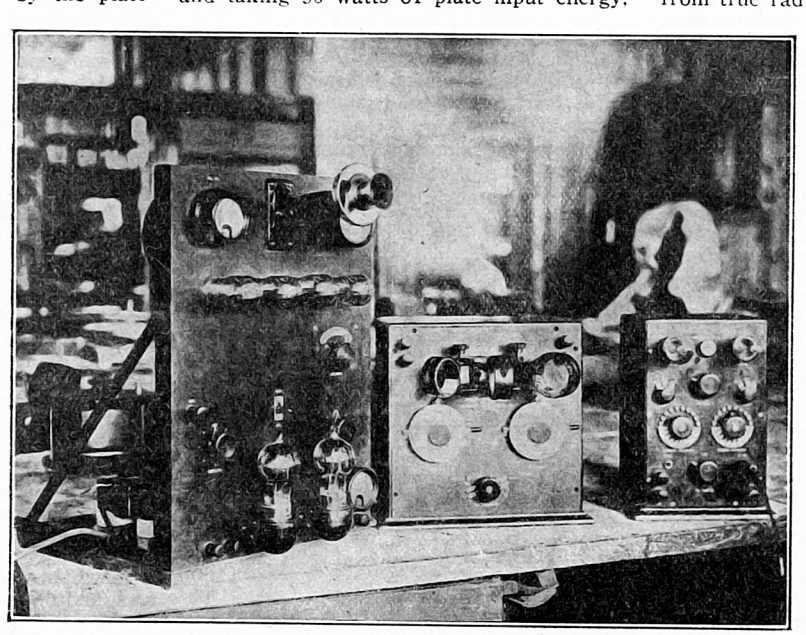


Fig. 18. A Radiophone Unit Which Operates Directly From a 110-Volt A. C. Supply and Which Furnishes Its Own Plate Potential. The Set Consumes 50 Watts, Places .75 Ampere in an Average Antenna and Operates Up to 50 Miles.

tem almost ideal as a radio telephone transmitter. A typical oscillion transmitter utilizing two half-kilowatt tubes is illustrated in Fig. 15. The schematic circuit diagram for such a transmitter is shown in Fig. 16.

LARGE TUBE CONSTRUCTION

In the construction of these large tubes a thousand details must be scrupulously observed—in addition to the calculated physical dimensions of the elements, the choice of materials, the method of seal, the preliminary treatment of the metals, their welding, the screening of the glass from bombardment, the various steps in the process of exhaustion—on careful observance of all these alone depends success in the manufacture of a high-power tube. A reasonably long life, of 500 to 1000 hours, is afforded by the tungsten filament, pure or alloyed with thorium; but this is by no means an ideal source of electrons. As such, tungsten, while preferable, is highly inefficient. By coating fine platinum ribbon with oxides of calcium, strontium, etc., or of the rare earths, similar to those in the Nernst glower, far higher emission efficiency is had, at lower temperatures, with resultant increase in l[illegible] But such oxide-coated filaments are fragile and very frequently damaged during exhaust. Moreover, many types of coating lose their power of electron emission after a time. This method seems at best an imperfect makeshift. What the audion art awaits is a ribbon filament of some new, well-conducting alloy, wire drawn or rolled of non-crystalline structure, emitting floods of electrons at a heat lower than visibility. Reward awaits the metallurgist who first produces such a filament. For today the audion is being produced in quantities which in pre-war days would have been considered fantastic exaggeration. During the last months of the war the world production of such bulbs had attained the incredible rate of 1,000,000 per annum. And now the demand in America alone, chiefly from radio amateurs and experimenters, is at the rate of 5,000 per month, and constantly growing. And most of these latter are used singly or in two-step amplifier arrangements. During the war, however, thousands of amplifier and transmitter instruments, each requiring 3 to 9 bulbs, were in use—in earth telegraphy, in submarine listening, in telegraphy by ultra-violet or infra-red rays, in gun-spotting, airplane detection, etc., in addition to those required for ordinary radio telegraphy and telephony.

The necessary conditions for an audion to function as a generator of alternating currents have been the subject of exhaustive study by many investigators, notably by Hazeltine, Ballantine, and Mills in this country; Vallauri and Eccles abroad. There are today countless circuit arrangements whereby the audion may be caused to generate such currents; but in all of the practically useful ones, where considerable power is required, the inductive linking of the grid and plate circuits, analogous to that first used in 1912, is in one form or another employed. One of the simplest forms of such circuit is shown in Fig. 17. If there is no time lag in the electronic stream behind the pulsations of grid voltage, as is the case in a highly exhausted tube (up to frequencies of ten million per second), then the

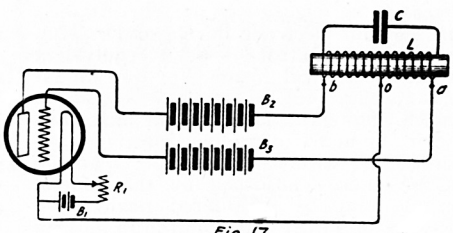


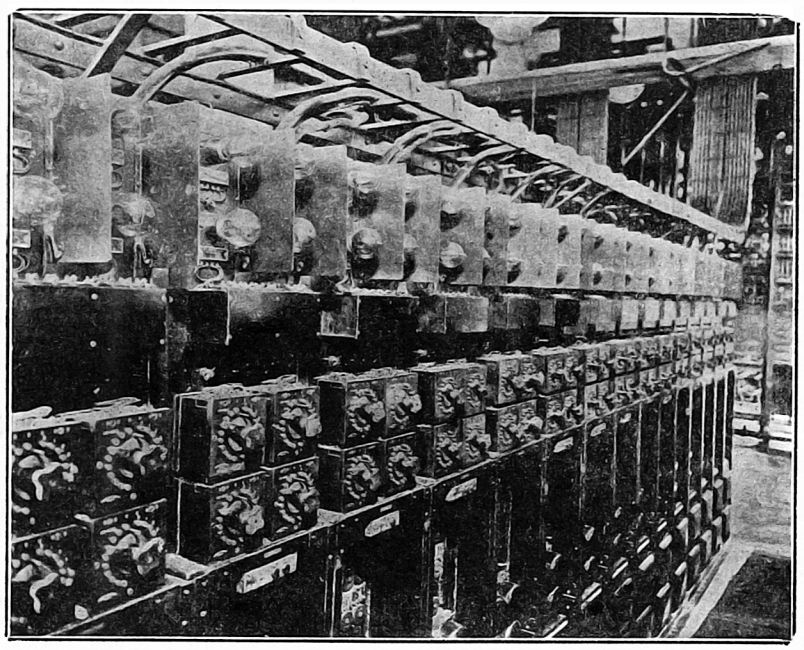
Fig. 17

Simple Form of Inductive Linking of the Grid and Plate Circuits.

above arrangement becomes an alternating current source whose frequency depends upon the natural frequency in the LC circuit. The period of this oscillation is very nearly $2\pi\sqrt{LC}$ if the resistance, r, of the external plate circuit is small, the resistance, or reactance, p, of the plate-filament gap is great, and provided the mutual induction, m, between the inductances in the grid-filament and plate-filament circuits is just sufficient to maintain the oscillations.

If, then, $m \gtrless k\left(\frac{L}{p} + r.C\right)$

this oscillating condition is realized; and K in this formula can be defined as the "amplification factor."



Vivid Illustration of the Completeness With Which the American Telegraph and Telephone Co. Have Applied the Audion Repeater to the Commercial Long-Distance Telephone Service of the United States.

THE USE OF A.C. FOR PLATE SUPPLY

One of the latest developments in the oscillion transmitter is the application of alternating current for the plate voltage supply. Sixty-cycle current is taken from a lamp socket, stept up to 500 or 10,000 volts (according to the size of the transmitter)—the two halves of the cycle rectified thru two-electrode vacuum valves, this rectified current stored in a suitable condenser, smoothed out by an appropriate "filter" circuit, and finally delivered as high-voltage direct current to the plate-filament circuit of three-electrode oscillator tubes. The filaments of both rectifiers and oscillators are lighted from the low-voltage windings on the one transformer. Such an arrangement does away with the motor generator converter, and even with 60-cycle supply gives surprisingly clear voice transmission. A small set of this type employing two rectifier and four small oscillating audions in multiple is shown in Fig. 18. With this small unit, consuming 50 watts and putting three-quarters of an ampere in an average antenna, one has recently telephoned fifty miles.

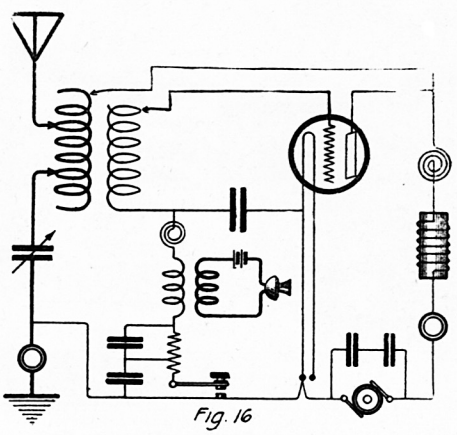


Fig. 16

Schematic Circuit Diagram of the Oscillion Transmitter Panel Shown in Fig. 15.

The developments by the engineering staff of the Western Electric Company of the audion amplifier as a telephone repeater, since my first demonstration to them of its possibilities in that field, are beyond all praise The zeal and rare understanding of the elements of the problem with which this staff of trained men develop the amplifier and applied it to the long-sought transcontinental telephone line stand unique in the annals of brilliant achievement in electrical engineering.

The time was ripe. Had the audion amplifier been presented at a much earlier date it is unlikely it would have then met the warm welcome which twenty years of futile search for the telephone repeater had earned for it. It was the irony of inventive fate that this revolutionary telephone device was to come, not from those whose efforts had for years spun in the old rut of the receiver-microphone "siameesed" together, but from an art younger than telephony, from a device conceived for a quite different application—a wireless telegraph detector.

"From small beginnings the transcontinental line has been evolved. One element after another came. First the telephone receiver of Bell; then the Berliner—Edison microphone; then adequate line construction; the Pupin coil to prevent voice distortion—and finally the one missing link, the Audion Amplifier. Try to imagine one of the electronic carriers of the voice currents in this amplifier, and contrast it with a carbon granule of a microphone transmitter of the early telephone relays. Compare a soap bubble with a load of coal, and you will have some relative idea of the distinction between the delicacy and elegance of tion produced by twenty miles of standard the audion and that of the old microphonic relay." A more revolutionary step was never taken in the history of electrical engineering.

A repeater suitable for our present wire cable. This actually means that the repeater must be capable of delivering 256 times as much energy as it receives; that is, possess a telephone efficiency of some 26,000 per cent, and this without appreciable distortion of the most intricate of voice current waves, involving all frequencies from 100 to 3,000 per second. Any repeater or amplifier which

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The Kleinschmidt Automatic Transmitter

By LIEUT. W. KLAUS, U. S. N.

YOU have probably all listened in at one time or another and heard the New Brunswick or Annapolis Stations sending high speed and wondered as to what the apparatus sending this stuff looked like. Although possibly you thought the apparatus must be very complex, it is quite simple and for the benefit of those men who may at some future time be ship-mates, with this type of apparatus the following description and explanation is herewith given.

The high speed system comprises a perforator for punching paper tape, and a reproducer or transmitter for using this tape to send the dots and dashes into the relay key circuit. It is obvious that this tape can be perforated at any speed within certain limits, accumulated, and used in the Automatic Transmitter at a much higher speed, thereby saving much valuable time on the transmitting wave length in the ether. Also, several perforators can be operated simultaneously and the tapes fed into the one transmitter sending at a high rate of speed thereby handling a larger amount of traffic in twenty-four hours than ordinarily could be handled by hand sending. Another use is for sending words twice at a slow speed to get the traffic through static. The tapes can be marked and saved and if it is necessary to repeat, the tape can be used over again, eliminating that long, tedious hand sending.

Although it is claimed that the automatic transmitter can work up to 250 words per minute trouble is experienced in the control lines and in the station relays at this speed. So far successful results have been obtained up to 125 words per minute.

OPERATION OF THE KLEINSCHMIDT PERFORATOR.

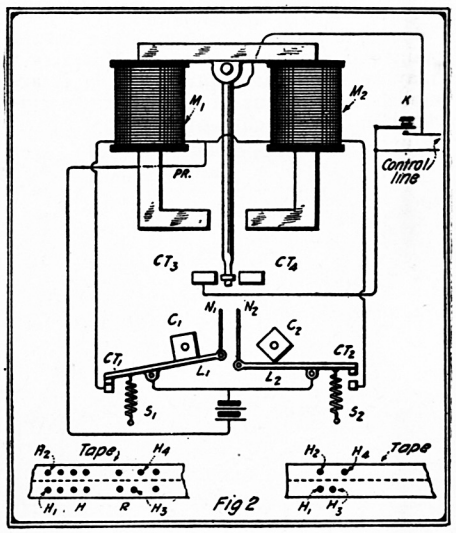
The construction of the Kleinschmidt perforator while seemingly complex at first glance is in reality very simple. The keyboard is of the standard typewriter type with the addition of the "break" sign, "AS," "UD," "AR" and a "combination" key which when held down will run the letters together for *various other radio signs.*

The action in general is as follows: The tape passes in front of a set of perforating pins in a die. There are three rows of pins, one row above the other. The different letters of the alphabet are perforated into the tape in the form of different combinations of holes above and below the center line of the tape. The middle row of pins perforate the feeding holes into the center line of the tape.

The various combinations of the perforating pins are set by the different keys of the keyboard. When a key is depressed after lifting up a set of fingers behind the perforating pins for the proper combination, it makes an electrical contact which causes a solenoid to draw over a hammer behind the die, thereby pushing the combination of pins through the tape for that certain letter. There is a feeder ratchet wheel over which the tape runs which also turns the proper distance and the tape moves forward ready for the next letter.

The diagrams are extremely elementary in form, and while not showing the exact mechanical arrangement of the perforator, will illustrate the principle of operation.

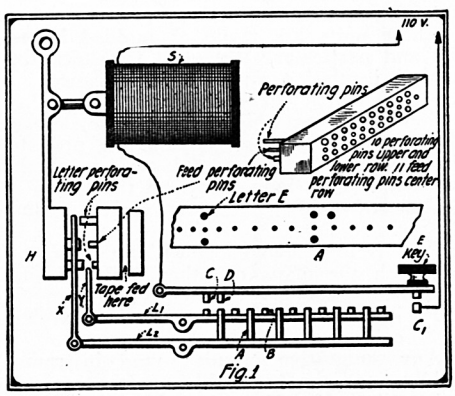
The single key shown in Fig. 1 is for the letter E. The tape when perforated for the letter E will have one hole above and one hole below the feeder perforations, as in Fig. 1.



This Diagram Illustrates the Manner in Which the Polarized Relay Performs the Transmitting Operation Through the Medium of Perforated Tape Representing Letters.

The explanation of the action of the Transmitter will show how these two dots combine to send the one dot, along the control wire for the letter "E."

There is a pin "X" fitting up behind each of the perforating pins of the upper row and a pin "Y" fitting up behind each of the perforating pins of the lower row. Each pin is connected to a lever L with projections running across under the typewriter key levers, like A and B on it. The keyboard keys have the proper projections C & D on them to set the correct combination of perforating pins "X" and "Y," before the electrical contact C_1 is made which energizes the solenoid S bringing the hammer H over and pushing the pins through the tape. The row of feeding perforating pins are pushed through the tape every time a letter is punched or when the spacing bar is pressed. The tape is fed through the die by a ratchet wheel which has little projecting pins which fit into the feeding perforations or center row of holes on the tape. This ratchet wheel is operated by the hammer H. There is an attachment on it which allows the ratchet wheel to turn just the proper amount for feeding the tape the correct length for each letter. The "combination" key also operates this ratchet wheel to feed the tape a less amount than ordinary, so the next letter will be run close to the preceding one as in making the parenthesis sign from KK.



Elementary Diagram Illustrating the Principle of Operation of One Key, in This Case the Letter "E".

The Solenoid is wound in two sections and can be connected for 110 or 220 volts. When the perforator is adjusted perfectly a speed in perforating almost equal to that on a typewriter can be attained. The tape is ½ inch wide and is supplied on rolls eight inches in diameter containing about 1000 feet. When the tape comes from the perforator it is wound upon flat spools by a spring motor and the spools set in a stand for running through the transmitter.

OPERATION OF THE AUTOMATIC TRANSMITTER.

The automatic transmitter is a motor driven with a speed regulator. There are two types now in general use; the Wheatstone and the Kleinschmidt. The Wheatstone has a field resistance regulator while the Kleinschmidt has a friction disc clutch speed regulator, the motor revolving at a continuous speed. These transmitters work on slightly different principles but the resulting operations are the same. The Kleinschmidt uses a polarized relay to get the dots and dashes from the combination of perforations in the tape, while the Wheatstone uses a mechanical arrangement of springs and levers allowing a set of contracts to make the dots and dashes from the combinations of dots in the tape.

We will describe the Kleinschmidt as that type is the one most used in the Naval service. Referring to Fig. 2, PR represents a polarized relay; C_1 & C_2 are cams worked on the same shaft set ¼ turn from each other so that just lever L_1 is allowed to be pulled up by spring S_1 and then L_2 is allowed to be pulled up by spring S_2. The tape runs over a track above the steel needles N_1 & N_2 by a toothed wheel fitting into the center row of holes on the tape. Now for the action of making the dots and dashes. If a blank piece of tape is run through the transmitter, the levers L_1 & L_2 go up and down L_2 following L_1 but contacts CT_1 and CT_2 do not close because they are set at such a distance that N_1 & N_2 would have to go up a distance higher than the blank tape allows. Springs S_1 & S_2 are not strong enough to force the needles N_1 & N_2 through the tough oiled paper tape. If a perforated piece of tape with all dots like the letter H is fed through the transmitter needle L_1 is allowed to go up through a perforation in the left side of the tape hole indicated by H_1 and contact CT_1 closes, local current is sent through polarized relay coil N_1 and contact CT_3 closes, which is the same action on the control wire as if Key K was depressed. A fraction of a second later cam C_2 allows needle N_2 to go up and as perforation H_2 in tape is above it lever L_2 is pulled up by spring S_2 allowing contact CT_2 to make energizing relay coil N_2 breaking contact CT_3. Circuit on control wire is now broken which is the same as if key was allowed to come up. The cams are so timed that the interval of "make" of the contact CT_3 is equal to a dot. In the case of a dash, needle N_1 goes up through perforation H_3 allowing CT_1 to close, which energizes M_1 making contact CT_3. Needle N_2 does not go up all the way until perforation H_4 in the tape comes along which is equal in time to a proper dash. Therefore CT_3 is not broken until this perforation H_4 comes over N_2 allowing CT_2 to close, which energizes M_2 pulling armature of polarized key relay PR over, breaking CT_3, which is same effect as letting key K up. CT_3 is held in "Make" position long enough to cause a dash to be sent over control wire. *D. N. C. Bulletin.*

Some Unique Radio Appliances*

Interesting Additions to the Radio Game Designed to Popularize Concentrated Inductances in a Variety of Ways

IT is a pleasure to be able to present to our readers these illustrations of radio accessories which are of a rather distinctly novel construction and application suggestive of many uses.

In our photographs we show two methods in which concentrated coils may be readily adapted to any standard variable condenser by means of the universal devices which are shown separately in the lower part of the picture.

The adapter in the lower left hand corner is so constructed that it may be fitted to the binding posts of any condenser and enables the experimenter to set up various oscillating circuits using, of course, proper value of inductance or capacity. Thus he has any inductance-to-capacity ratio requirement which may arise during laboratory or other experiments. Not only is this useful in laboratory, but may also find permanent use by operators at commercial stations.

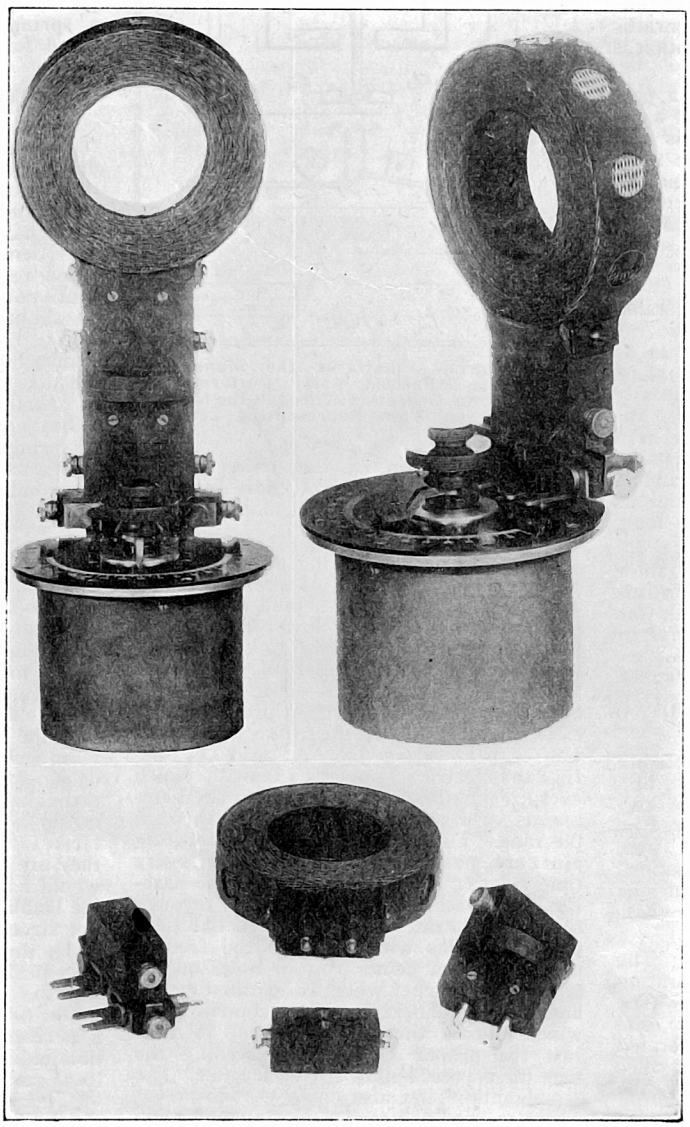
This same appliance is so designed that it may be connected in shunt with the capacity and inductance used, and at the same time is furnished with binding posts so that a meter, resistance or other device may be connected in series by simply opening the metal strap which conneces the two binding posts on either side of the attachment.

A suggested use, for instance, would be for a long wave work which requires two of these units, two condensers of suitable capacity, two long wave concentrated inductances; and the combined instruments properly connected to the regular detecting circuit. It does not require much imagination to see that any sort of dampt or undampt hook-up in modern use may be tested out, particularly those involved in C.W. and radiophone reception. Another excellent use for the device would be for standard wavemeter work.

The unit shown at the extreme lower right hand corner is a universal swivel connector making possible various coupling between two circuits without changing the position of the rest of the apparatus in use; in other words, while the condenser remains stationary, the inductance coil may be revolved at any desired angle, thus offering *minute* coupling regulation.

The concentrated inductance shown in the center of our illustration, is fitted with positive contact makers which may be plugged in and out of the receptor in an easy and *shockless* manner without in the least disturbing any other part of the circuit. As for the small square unit shown directly beneath the coil, this is a third device designed for panel or table use. It may be readily secured to a panel and forms the receptor unit for the coils mentioned here.

Perhaps some of you may wonder how this swivel connection is accomplished, that is to say, how the two separate parts may be operated and at the same time insure certain and proper contact. In this action it may be said that positive contact is accomplished by means of circular rings embedded in the bakelite of the upper part, and upon which two brushes arranged at the proper distance of the lower part are made to press firmly upon the rings by the use of a firm spring action.



Novel Appliances Making Possible All Manner of Radio Hook-Ups.

These units are made of molded bakelite and particularly designed for strength, perfect insulation and neat appearance.

Features.

Some features which will probably make these appliances very popular in present day amateur experimental and research work may be briefly described thusly:

Ease of applying to any variable condenser.

Readily interchangeable without interfering with the plans of other parts of the circuits.

Positive and permanent contact under any position.

Any suggestive circuit found in radio publications can be readily *made up*.

Readily adaptable to modern forms of the popular concentrated inductances.

Owing to the shortness of leads, the decrement of any circuit will be much less than would otherwise obtain with the usual hurried and temporary hook-ups, thereby increasing the ever-elusive efficiency of a circuit to maximum—a most desirable factor.

Surely we have arrived upon the era of *minutely* refined development of radio apparatus. It is to be hoped that we shall see other manufacturers come forth with similar ideal appliances.

Illustrations by courtesy of Pacent Electric Co., Inc.

British Radio Plans

It is understood that British officials have devised a far-reaching scheme of considerable importance for the purpose of linking the whole British Empire. The original report reached this country some time ago and was given great publicity in the press of the United States. The substance of the plan follows:

A British empire chain of radio stations, free from private monopoly and possible alien interference, is aimed at by the Imperial Wireless Telegraphy committee, headed by Sir Henry Norman, according to reports from Ottawa, Canada.

The report of the committee states that by adoption of a plan which it puts forward, a series of connecting stations can be established and maintained at an initial annual cost of not more than $500,000. This sum, it is said, would secure a system vital in its strategic and commercial potentialities.

The main recommendations are: That a system of imperial radio communication be establisht connecting the communities of the empire by geographical steps of about 2,000 miles each.

That the transmission system employed by that of the generation of radio-telegraphic energy by thermionic valves, or vacuum tubes.

That the service of communication between Leafield and Cairo by Poulsen arcs, shortly to be put in operation by the post office, be the first link in the chain of communication with the British communities in South Africa, and that this communication be continued by a valve station at Windhuk to a valve station to complete the connection with the Union of Souh Africa.

That for communication with India, the far East and Australasia valve stations be erected in England, near Cairo, at Poona (or other Indian station), Singapore, Hongkong and Perth or Port Darwin.

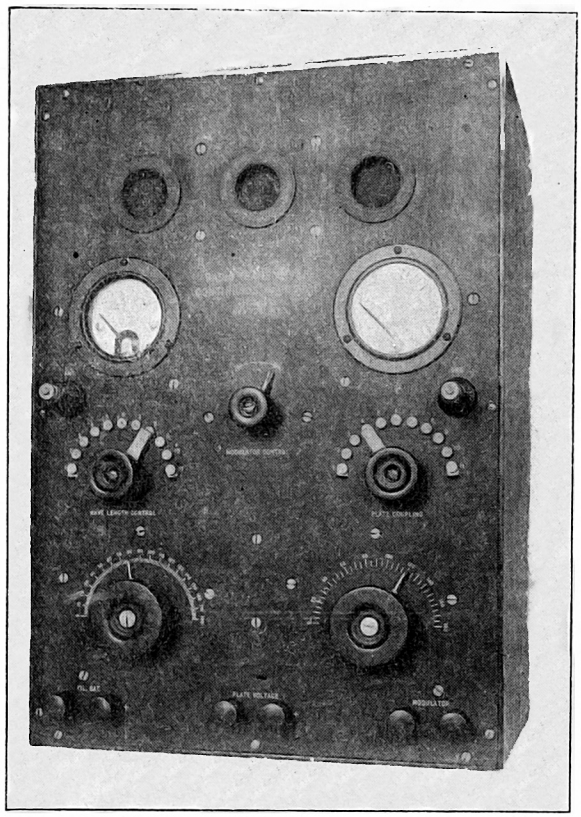
That similar communication be establisht with Canada, subject to the decision of the imperial and Canadian Govt.

That the system be governed by a radio commission of about four members, and that its execution be intrusted to an engineering department of the post office and the corresponding Dominion and Indian authorities.

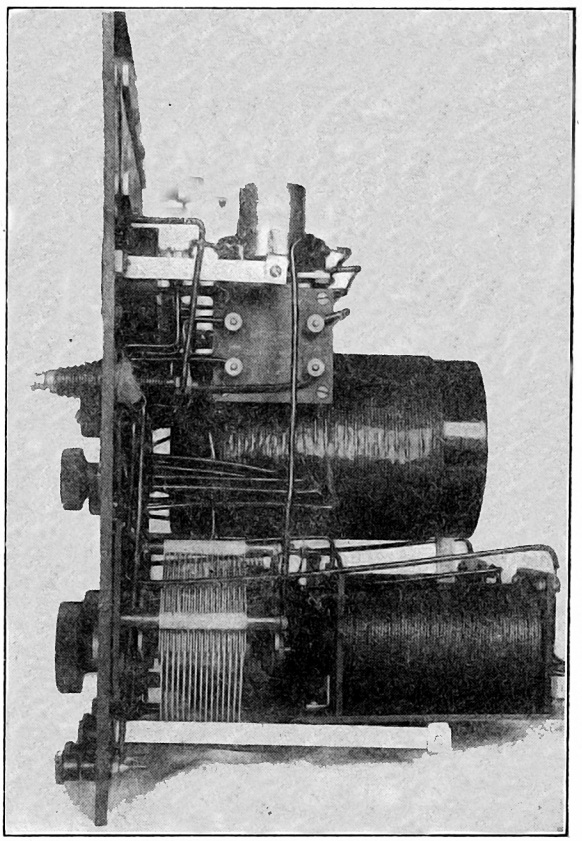
The committee asserts that an imperial radio system establisht in this manner would afford reliable, expeditious and economic communication for commercial, social and press purposes.

A New Continuous Wave Type Transmitter*

An Example of a Modern Three-tube Unit



What Do You Think of This Unit, Fellows? Looks Formidable Enough to Push Thru the Ether Some Miles, What?



Side View of the V.T. Set Described Here With Cover Removed. The Filter System is Seen at the Extreme Lower Right Hand Corner.

LOW power continuous wave type radio transmitters have made rapid advances during the last few years, this being due primarily to the successful developments of the three electrode, vacuum tube and its associated circuits for the generation of sustained high-frequency alternating currents. In addition to the development of the tube itself, great strides have been made in methods of efficiently modulating these radio frequency currents. Dut to these two recent developments, the present low power radio-phone transmitter was the outcome.

In connection with the development of this transmitter, shown in our present illustrations, the question of cost and compactness had to be borne in mind, in order that the instrument might be sold at a reasonable price.

The "Saco" type CWT-1 employs three five watt tubes all acting as oscillators, modulation being accomplished *by controlling both the grid and plate potentials simultaneously*. With this method it becomes possible to modulate the greatest portion of the emitted radio frequency current, thus permitting greater telephone transmission range.

This method of grid and plate modulation is the result of extensive and thoro comparative tests, which proved that this modulation is as good as the existing methods of modulation which employ separate modulating tubes. This is a great advancement since with the same number of tubes it is possible to radiate more energy than with other similar transmitters; the quality of the modulated wave remaining the same. The grid potential may be varied thru a variable resistance which is connected to the negative side of the filament and generator. This is desirable in order to control the proper grid potential for *distortionless modulation*. The control knob between the meters marked modulator control accomplishes this result. With this means it therefore becomes possible to control the quality of the modulated wave.

The milli-ammeter is in the plate circuit of the three tubes and its purpose is to denote the *amplitude of the modulated wave*.

The oscillating system is of the single circuit type consisting of a single inductance and is used for both tuning the antenna circuit and also grid and plate coupling. Coupling, on the other hand, is accomplished by controlling the number of turns of the inductanec coil, this being performed by a variable control switch in front of the panel. Incidently, this variation of coupling is of extreme importance since there exists a *definite coupling* for every wavelength. Additional coupling adjustments are accomplished by means of a variable grid condenser and antenna tuning condenser.

The *amplitude of the radiated radio frequency current* is denoted by a Weston Thermo-ammeter placed in the ground circuit. The binding posts marked "Modulator" which are connected to the primary of a modulating transformer may be led to a telephone microphone in series with two dry cells when the set is to be used as a radiophone transmitter, or they may be connected to a high frequency buzzer with its key and batteries, in place of the microphone, when the set is to be used as a telegraph transmitter.

The effective construction of the filter system eliminates the commutator ripples of the generator. This is of great assistance when the set is used for radiophone work in destroying all unnecessary noises which will hinder satisfactory speaking. This system consists of two specially designed iron core inductances, each one being connected in series on both sides of the high potential D. C. source. Two 1 microfarad condensers are shunted across these two inductances, and the en-

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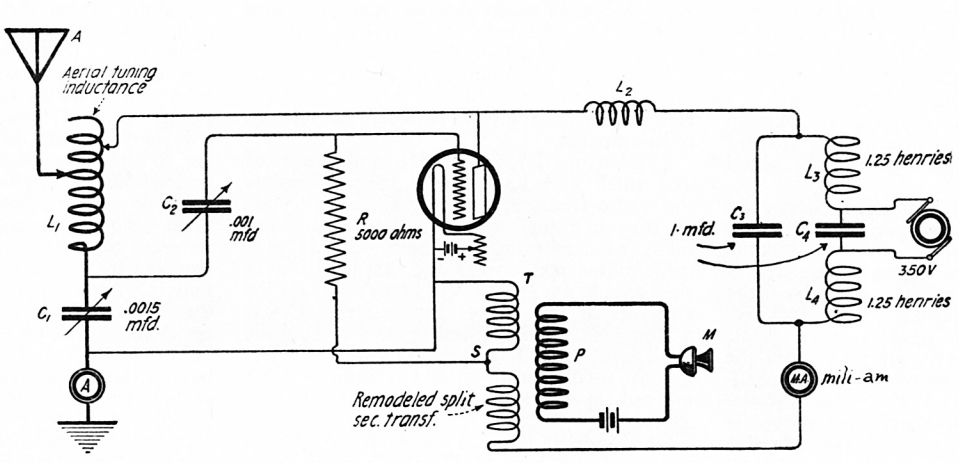
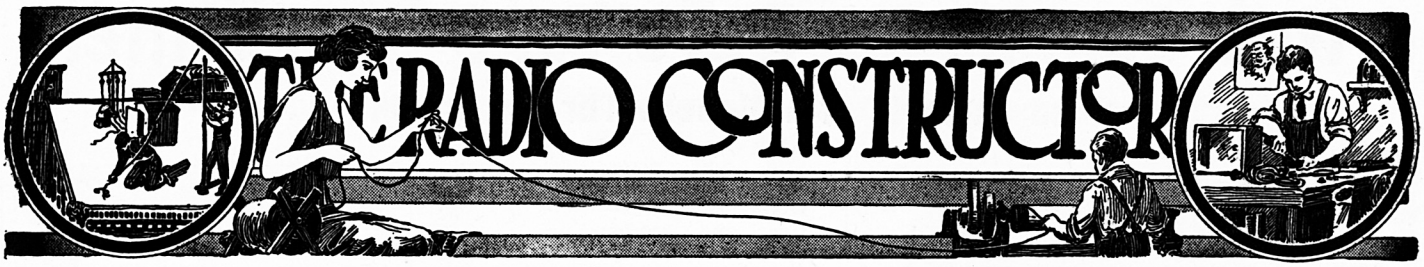


Schematic Wiring Diagram of the Above C.W. Transmitter. For Simplicity, But One Tube is Shown Here, But in Reality There are Three, All of Which Are Connected With Their Respective Elements in Parallel. All Tubes Function as Oscillators.

*Illustrations by courtesy of S. Cohen.



A Vacuum Transmitter Operating on a 6-Volt Storage Battery

By H. M. PRUDEN

THE main draw-back to installing a low power transmitter of the vacuum tube type in most amateur radio stations is the necessity of supplying a source of high voltage direct current suitable for the Plate. For this purpose motor generator sets have proved to be very satisfactory, but at the same time quite expensive. The type of tube transmitter that will prove most popular will probably be the one that is the least expensive to install and maintain. The following is a description of a set used by the writer that has certain advantages over the ordinary vacuum tube type of transmitter, being less expensive to install and operate and at the same time producing more complete and perfect modulation than many of the systems used at present.

If alternating current instead of direct current is supplied to the plate of a vacuum tube connected in an oscillating circuit, it is evident that the plate will be positively charged during one-half of each cycle and the tube will oscillate, while during the other half of the cycle the plate will be negatively charged, and the tube will not oscillate. Thus the vacuum tube oscillator produces a complete wave train for each cycle of the alternating current supply circuit, which is preferably about 500 cycles.

The duration of the positive charge on the plate is one-half the period of the 500 cycle alternating current, or .001 second. Therefore, if the wave-length the set is tuned to is 200 meters, the period of the radio frequency oscillations is 66×10^{-8} seconds, and sufficient time elapses while the plate is positively charged for the oscillator to make 1500 complete oscillations. In actual practice the oscillations begin when the charge on the plate reaches about 30 volts, so if the effective voltage of the alternating current source is 400 or 500 volts, the tube will produce very nearly the entire 1500 possible oscillations. Wave trains produced by this "impulse oscillator" have a very low decrement, and therefore carrying qualities similar to ordinary C. W. and modulated waves.

The complete circuit arrangement used by the writer is shown in the Fig. 1. The "Century" type buzzer is used as an interrupter for the primary circuit of the transformer. If a satisfactory 500 cycle interrupter can be built it may be attached directly to the transformer, as is ordinarily done with spark coils. The buzzer proves quite satisfactory for this purpose, however. It will be noted that the primary of the transformer is shunted around the buzzer windings instead of being connected in series with them. This arrangement passes more current thru the primary of the transformer. The transformer consists of the primary of a half or of a one-inch spark coil with a secondary winding of between 5,000 and 10,000 turns of No. 30 or No. 32 S. S. C. magnet wire. The exact number of turns depends upon the size of the core, the primary winding, and the type of tube used in the circuit. The resistance of this winding should be kept as low as possible to reduce losses. The current in this circuit is between 30 and 40 milli-amperes.

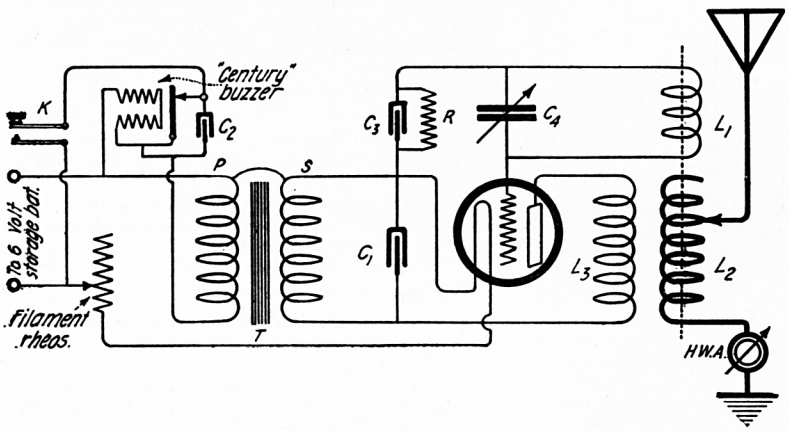


Fig. 1. Complete Circuit Arrangement of the Vacuum Tube Transmitter Built and Operated by Mr. Pruden.

Condenser C-1 is a mica condenser of .001 mfd. and its purpose is to complete the radio-frequency circuit from the plate of the tube thru the coil L-2 to the filament of the tube. Capacity C-2 is a 1 mfd. paper condenser, and its function in the circuit is to prevent sparking at the contacts of the buzzer interrupter. C-3 is a .005 mfd. grid condenser and is shunted by a grid leak R of 10,000 ohms. C-4 is a .001 mfd. variable, and should be immersed in oil to increase its capacity to .005 mfd.

The inductance L-1 consists of fifteen turns of number 24 D. C. C. wire on a tube 4½" in diameter. L-2 is fifteen turns of No. 18 D. C. C. wire on the same tube, with a space of ⅜" between it and the winding L-1. Winding L-3 consists of twenty-eight turns of No. 24 D. C. C. wound on a cardboard ring 4⅞" in diameter placed *directly over* the winding L-2 on the other tube. L-2 is tapped in two or three places to control the wave length of the transmitter. The coils are all wound in the *same direction* and connected as shown in the diagram, otherwise the circuit may not oscillate.

When this circuit is put into operation, light the tube, depress the key, and adjust the inductance L-2 until the wave length as shown on a wave meter or receiving set is 200 meters, or lower if desired, and then adjust the capacity of C-4 until the maximum reading on the radiation meter is obtained. The final adjustment is on the interrupter, which should always be adjusted with the tube lighted and connected to an antenna. Incidentally, it will be noted that the adjustment of the capacity C-4 is not at all critical.

The first model of this type of transmitter has been in operation at station 2-JP since early in September, and amateurs within a radius of 40 miles are reporting loud signals. We must patiently wait until the long-distance season opens before we can find out what the outfit really can do, but any one attempting to build a set of this type can rest assured that his trouble will be amply repaid when the set is completed.

BE CAREFUL, FELLOWS!

There recently appeared in several newspapers of the country the following item:

> Putnam, Conn., Oct. 13.—Ellsworth Sabin, 17, a high school student, was killed when he grasped a highly charged wire. He and William Mansfield were putting up aerial wires for an amateur radio outfit.

Judging from the above it would seem that one of our numbers had not been fully warned concerning the danger of landing foul of nearby high tension power lines which are so frequently found in suburban or rural distrcts.

It is when one is looking about for an aerial site that these dangerous lines are noticed and in stringing aerial wires it is quite possible to accidentally touch one of them. For that reason before you attempt to erect an aerial carefully make note of any nearby wires, no matter what they be; that is to say, do not always conclude that they are telephone or telegraph wires. Take no chances. Keep at a safe distance from unknown lines and under no circumstances have the span of your aerial either above or beneath such lines. Neither should they be placed close enough so that a wind storm would cause them to break loose and ground themselves on adjacent power lines.

Too much importance cannot be laid upon asking you to be extremely careful in putting up an aerial. SAFETY FIRST.

A V.T. Audio-Frequency Amplifier

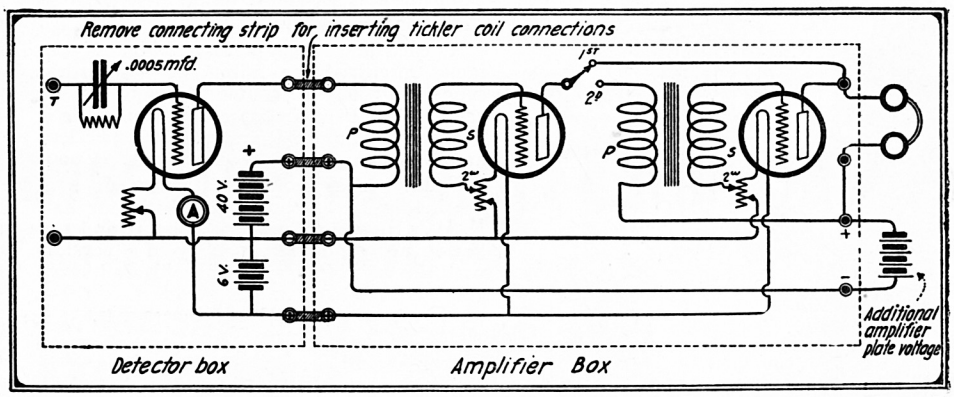
By FRANCIS R. PRAY

IT is a generally conceded fact that radio apparatus suitable for amateur use must be designed radically different from government or commercial apparatus, because of the amateurs' peculiar limitations. Then again, there are some advantages that amateur apparatus may have which are not permissible in commercial apparatus owing to patent rights.

Consider amplifiers for example. During the war it was necessary to use detector bulbs which were thoroly reliable, and to make them so they could not be as critically sensitive as the gas-filled tubes of the amateur field. Consequently, this lack of sensitiveness was made up by radio and audio frequency amplifiers, of a type which also needed little adjustment. This procedure is unnecessary, however, to give the amateur the results that his ideals now require, even tho they are now on a much higher plane.

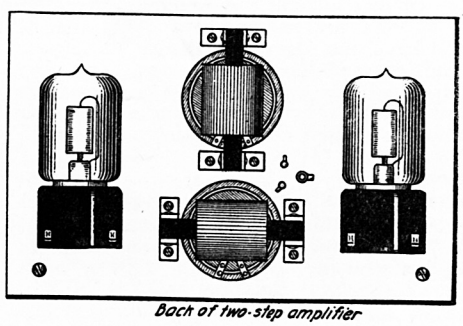
The amateur may begin with a detector tube containing a small amount of gas. (An ordinary *low vacuum* tube is a "gas" tube since air is a gas.) The selection of a detector tube is a hard proposition just now because of the present limitations. The Audiotron is a very sensitive detector, but is noisy and often unreliable, changing its electrical characteristics during its life. The Class I Marconi VT, altho it is reliable and quiet in operation, oscillating easily and steadily for C.W. or long wave arc reception, is a poor detector of weak spark signals. It is adapted for use with three or more stages of amplification and if so used is excellent. Take your choice. Simple, isn't it; but let me offer a suggestion. Having burnt out my last "special" VT and not having any more immediately available, I took an old Class II Marconi VT, which turned blue in an ordinary amplifier circuit, put it in the detector socket and was surprised to find it had all the good points of the Class I tube and the Audiotron, with none of their bad features. If you have a Marconi Class II, try this, altho I will not venture to say that the same results will be had with all of them, as even these "highly standardized" tubes vary widely.

Having obtained a satisfactory detector, the amateur is ready to amplify his signals. His filament current supply is probably a storage battery or a flock of dry cells. He must remember that for every amplifier tube added an average of three quarters of an ampere must be drawn from the battery. He would LIKE to install an Armstrong seven-tube Super-Autodyne amplifier, but decides to wait a while after doing a little figuring with a pencil. He then decides, frequent trips to the battery-charging station considered, that he will stop at the second stage of amplification.



Complete Circuit Diagram of the Detector Unit Connected to the Two Stage Amplifier Box. Note the Two Point Switch for Changing from One to Two Steps of Amplification.

It is quite practicable to limit the amplifier to two stages as a good antenna and ground system coupled to a modern regenerative tuning circuit, and the amplifier will be more than sufficient for amateurs who can recognize the value of a properly balanced outfit.



Illustrating the Back of the Two-Step Amplifier Panel. Note Right Angle Mounting of Transformers Over Each Rheostat.

Altho radio frequency amplification is preferable, it will be some time before the radio manufacturers will produce a really good amplifying transformer for these frequencies. As it is, considerable work has been done in putting out a highly efficient audio-frequency amplifying transformer, and the writer believes that A..... transformer is the best proposition on the market at present.

The next consideration is the circuit. Many have appeared in print lately, whereby the same high voltage and low voltage batteries are used with all tubes. This is a feature the ideal circuit should have, but the fact remains that amplifier VT's require about 20 volts addition in their plate circuit to make them operate on the amplification portion of their characteristic curve.

This is easily accomplished by using the accompanying circuit developed by the writer for amateur use. A single "A" battery lights all filaments and the detector plate circuit battery is also used in the amplifier plate circuit, to which may be added as much additional potential as needed.

Another feature seldom seen in amateur amplifier circuits is the additional resistance placed between the grid and filament, taking the place of a grid leak or battery, and preventing the tube "choking." This additional resistance may be obtained by merely tapping off a portion of the filament rheostat as shown. The proper point is best found by experiment, but may be about two ohms.

The outstanding feature of the circuit is a simple two-point switch for cutting out the second stage of amplification when it is desired to reduce signal strength or conserve filament battery. Every good two-stage amplifier now on the market has the step control feature, but in the form of telephone jacks or "anti-capacity" switches. Unless these devices are correctly wired, which is seldom the case, the closely bunched leads thereto will be a contributory cause of local oscillations, more familiarly known as "cross talk" and "howling." It is desirous, then, to have as little wiring as possible.

Another factor which causes howling is the crowding of amplifier coils and VT's in order to approach the compactness of wartime amplifiers.

Each vacuum tube should be separated at least three inches or else shielded by brass plates in some manner. The transformer coils should also be well spaced, or placed at right angles, or shielded. Then there is one more precaution. VT's in audio-frequency circuits are very sensitive to external vibrations and amplify these as well as signals. It is desirable, then, to use some sort of shock-absorbent VT socket such as made by the Somerville Radio Laboratory, and the panel, after being enclosed in a box, should rest on rubber feet.

In order to prove the above circuit practicable, the writer made a two-stage amplifier along the following plans, and was surprised at the low cost, which, at usual retail prices, not including the wooden cabinet,

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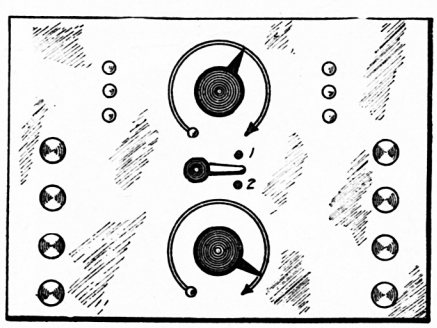
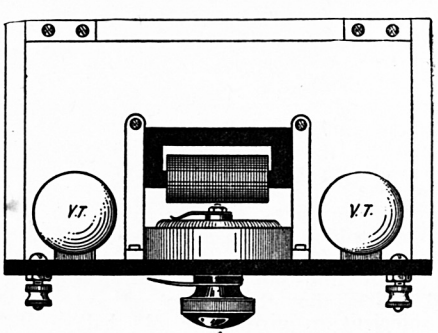


Front of panel

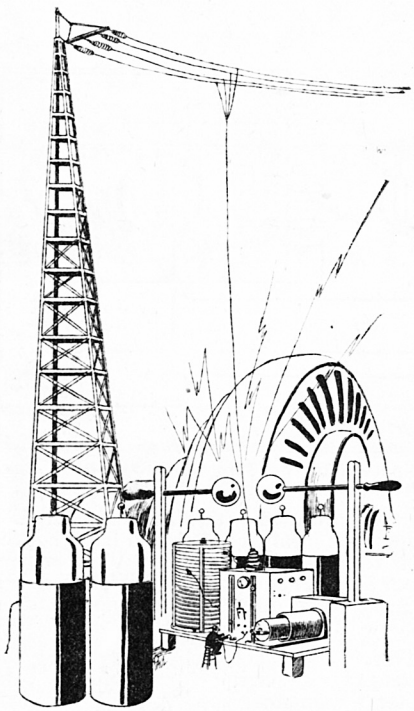


Top view

The Left Hand Sketch Shows the Front Part of the Amplifier Panel and Places for Binding Posts. Note the Small Holes for Observing the Tubes. To the Right is Shown a Top View of the Unit and Manner of Mounting the Transformers Directly Over the Rheostats Which is a Great Space Saving Factor.

Let's Go!

By CHARLES S. WOLFE



The Radio Station of Several Years Back With its Gigantic Aerials and Noise Making Apparatus is Slowly Going Into the Discard.

COME, brethren, let us for the present lay the 'phones on the table, take our fingers from our keys, and give the rotary a deserved rest. Come with me a while into the realm of meditation and speculation. Let us smoke and dream for a space.

Three decades have slid behind us since Marconi commercialized Hertz, little pastime, and started this thing; three decades which have been filled with shuffling footsteps, constantly pressing forward, eh? Coherer yielded to electrolytic responder, the responder wandered aimlessly into oblivion as the mineral detector bounded into the limtlight, and the old chunk of silicon has meandered sillily into Little Willie's play box while Lee de Forest's hot hair pin in a bottle taps its chest and shrieks "Look me over, guys, lamp me."

Our Italian trail blazer used up quite a few human K. V. A. getting kits up into the azure to the end that several hundred feet of bare copper might dangle cunningly amongst the ether atoms; a proceeding which he considered quite essential. Governments expended many of their tithes setting up tall towers, managing, with the aid of a few hundred thousand dollars' worth of steel to protect a few cents worth of copper from the playful attentions of the tornado. Later a sixteen vear old kid accomplished just as much with a couple of sixteen-foot poles on the roof—usually more, all things considered.

After our venerable forerunners had cursed away their chances of eternal bliss in vain endeavor to eliminate that omnipresent Third Party, yours sincerely, the tuning coil, makes its bow, and demonstrates.

Barely has this charming personage settled himself comfortably in our midst, when, with a hoarse chuckle the loose coupler drops his suit case, and fairly dazzles us with an exhibition of the thousand different forms he may manifest himself in He's still at it.

Old stuff, all of this, but necessary to bring us to a receptive mood. Now let us start for somewhere.

As each newcomer presented himself, our tables mirrored the falling of the restless sands. From a couple of squares we reached out over a couple of miles, made it a couple of hundred, and with a swift leap annihilated a couple of continents. Good!

Today we sit complacently at our sets, spasmodically, jostling space with our half K. W.'s, juggling our plate voltage, and tinkering now and then, by way of diversion, with the radio 'phone. Lee holds full sway, and *nothing* surrounded by glass is the—sand—on which we build our house.

We sit complacently, when—we, above all others, should be in shirt sleeves and at it.

For the surface has been but scratched, and so long as a single mast frets on a house top, so long as a coupler—disguise it as you will—acts as a sieve, so long as a screeching rotary makes night hideous, until, I say, all the instruments necessary for hurling intelligence from pole to pole and around the globe sit compactly before us on a desk top, we should be ceaselessly at it. There are a hundred pathways just yelling for some one to follow along them.

We waste too much time, all of us "Q. S. T.'ing" and "C. Q.'ing" when we might be bringing to light the Audion's successor. You don't for one moment doubt that it will have one do you? We sit up on our hind legs and howl about interference and jammed traffic when all that we amateurs say to each other in the course of a year amounts to just about nothing. Nine million, "How's My Sparks!"

Nay, brethren, to sit night after night tossing two hundred meter commonplaces around the duchy does not stamp you as an investigator. It brands you as a kid with a new toy.

This vibrant ether business, citizens, looms up as about the biggest thing that has come to light since Adam went into the apple industry. And as we gradually plumb its depths we are worming nearer and nearer to the mysterious force that keeps the universe whirling in space. Without sacrilege I say that when you set in motion a wave train you are knocking on the Creator's back door.

Therefore, let those of us who have been dabbling with this wonder cease dabbling and begin wielding the scalpel. Let us come out of the nursery of make believe messages and into the work shop of problem shattering. Let us investigate rather than communicate.

It is our privilege, at the end of the day to enter earnestly into this work, untainted by commercialism, unspured by the lure of gold, uninfluenced by the necessity of forwarding any particular interest. Truly a wonderful opportunity! Surely an unprecedented chance to slip the chains of the physical and realize—in a sense—another, a higher, dimension!

Enough! Let the clan hop to it. The loop is the most significant thing before us at present. Let us start with that, or rather, from that. Let us strive, not to perfect the loop, but to eliminate even that. Let us get the masts off the house tops, the spans into pill boxes. It has been said, often, that the energy of a buzzer is sufficient to girdle the old ball. No doubt. And no doubt a darned sight less will do the trick. It is for us to demonstrate.

One last word—to the wise. On the level, boys, the V. T. is nothing much but a feeler. Think a minute! It's about as sensitive as a wheel barrow!

NEWS FROM EL PASO, TEXAS

El Paso amateur wireless telephone operators have at last succeeded in communicating with nearby stations.

The first message that has been received over an amateur set in El Paso was sent to Le Roy Hill, 811 Oregon Street, Tuesday night, when Prof. R. W. Goddard, who lives in Mesilla Park, New Mexico, answered a message sent by Hill recently. This is the first amateur wireless phone in the city that has been able to send and receive to such distance.

The message read:

"El Paso, Tex., Oct. 12.

"R. W. Goddard,

"State College, N. M.

"Have sold transformer you borrowed to try out. Please send by return mail.

"D. J. McCanne."

The reply follows:

"State College, N. M., Oct. 12

"D. J. McCanne,

"El Paso, Texas.

"Received your letter. The transformer is in the mail, will arrive in morning.

"R. W. Goddard."

A number of amateurs have already secured sending sets and will fill the air in the near future with messages.

Carl Noll, who is now residing in Government Hill, is the first local boy to introduce amateur wireless to El Paso boys. Carl set up his first wireless when he lived on Oregon street, just across from LeRoy Hill, about a year before the world war. He was forced to take the set down during the war. Many of Noll's boy friends took up his plan and today small wireless stations may be found in many parts of the city. Hill was one of the first to follow in Carl Nolls footsteps.

The Boy Scouts have a good many wireless sets at present and Mr. Goddard is urging all scout leaders to erect their stations at once.

Behold! the Radio Station of the Very Near Future. It Will Take a Jeweler's Glass to Adjust the Receiver—Almost!

The Man Who Stands By

A Sequel to "The Radio Man's Code"

By ERALD A. SCHIVO

NOTHING disturbed the absolute serenity which pervaded the great passenger liner, gracefully plowing its way thru the crystalline waters of the Pacific Ocean. The unclouded sky, the glittering sun which caused an everlasting expanse of water to mirror its gleaming beauty, the incessant stream which traveled in the ship's wake, ruffled, white and sparkling, only added to the happiness of those on board the vessel.

Music, not that played for dance or song, but a classical composition, pleasing to the ear, a selection that one listened to in a state of rapture. The melodious passages penetrated from some ulterior part of the ship to the radio room, occupied by a single young man, the chief radio operator.

He listened intently, receivers removed from ears and chair tilted at a somewhat dangerous angle; he rested easily, feet perched conspicuously on the table before him.

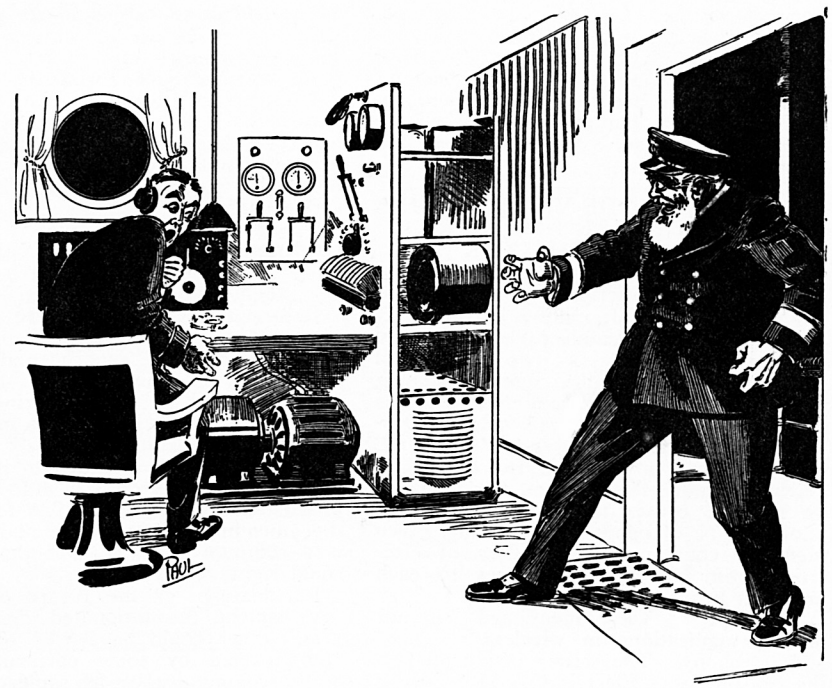
The music stopt Ralph Goodwin reached for the head phones and gingerly set them in place. Again the orchestra played, but this time for the many dancers who merrily whirled on the steamers deck. Goodwin cared little for such music and did not again remove the head set.

Few signals resulted as he tuned industriously with the complicated apparatus before him. Only the familiar buzz of the powerful San Francisco station could be heard intermittently. In the words of the operator "the air was quiet"—and he deftly entered that fact in the radio log, then resuming his favorite position, gave himself over to reminiscences of the past few days.

The death of the second operator was certainly a calamity. The entire radio work now fell upon Goodwin. Not only was it his duty to transmit and receive all radiograms for the ship, but he was also compelled to publish a small newspaper. What he and the second operator had started must be continued. Everyone on the vessel now demanded the news of the day and were quite willing to pay for it.

Goodwin sighed audibly. Three more days and the steamer would arrive at her destination. It was not possible that an operator might be procured in China. Likely he would have the return voyage without the addition of another man. Heart failure! Who would have thought the robust second operator was afflicted with such a deadly disease.

Goodwin was almost sorry he had accepted the more advanced position on board the passenger liner; not that he disliked the extra work, but he missed the companionship which existed on board the *Orion,* a freighter, from which he had been promoted upon the recommendation of her captain.



"'Send the S O S Signal Quick, We're Sinking!' Shouted the Captain."

For some reason, the death of the operator, Goodwin furnisht a premonition of impending disaster. He could not define the perplexing restlessness that sometimes passed over him. What catastrophe might over take the vessel he could not determine. The weather was perfect, had been since the Golden Gate was left far behind.

The hours slowly dragged by. Night enveloped the liner. Everyone was silent. All hilarity had subsided. Only the ship's powerful engines could be heard as a distant murmur.

The ocean was as a sleeping child, peacefully resting for the morrow's mischief. Bad weather was unthought of. The moon high in the heavens, smiled with incessant brightness on the slumbering waters.

Two hours passed, then came the loud voice of a man. Louder and louder became the incoherent cries, becoming more audible as the crier raised his voice.

Like the roar of thunder suddenly breaking the silence of a perfect day, the ship turned into a clamorous mass of humanity. The vessel's engines stopt; men cried out in fear; women screamed, children, grasped in mother's arms, added to the din with high pitched yells. All scrambled in a mad race for the lifeboats.

Officers of the vessel, horrified, tried to stanch the wild commotion that would in many cases result in death. Warning revolver shots were fired but to no avail; and all this time the master of the huge steamer, the man respected by everyone because of his great responsibility, was howling in a deep, powerful voice: "Man the lifeboats! Everybody to the boats for your life, and bring your life belts!"

No one could quell the resulting rush. The officers tried in vain, pleaded, threatened; all but killed with their ready revolvers.

Toward the radio shack the captain now made his way. Goodwin, pale but determined to stand by, was surprised at the heinous features of the commander who entered the room noisily.

"Send the S O S signal," shouted the captain; "send the S O S, quick, we're sinking, the S O S!"

A grewsome grin overspread the master's face. A maniacal stare protruded from his eyeballs. The great man's hand passed through his disordered hair, then down the side of the face, cutting an ugly scratch with each finger nail.

Goodwin looked on in horror. The man had become a lunatic. Then the truth suddenly dawned upon Goodwin. *The vessel was no more liable to sink than the Hawaiian Islands.* There was no visible cause. The ship reposed easily on the calm waters. No doubt the captain had ordered the engines stopt before giving forth his erroneous exclamations.

Something must be done immediately if life was to be saved. Should he send the "S O S" as the captain ordered? There was no danger of the steamer sinking, he was now certain of that. No good would result. If the lifeboats did successfully leave the vessel, no doubt they would return when satisfied there was no cause for alarm.

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"No one Could Quell the Resulting Rush for the Lifeboats."

RADIO DIGEST

AMATEURS IN GREAT BRITAIN

The new rules governing amateur operation of radio apparatus in the British Isles provide that no amateur may erect an aerial more than 100 feet in height, or more than 100 feet above the ground. Other restrictions govern the transmitting power permitted and the wave-lengh of amateur stations. There are fory-one amateur radio clubs in the United Kingdom, with a membership of over 1,500.—*Telegraph and Telephone Age.*

A DOUBLE-ANODE VACUUM-TUBE A.C. RECTIFIER AND WIRE LESS TRANSMITTER

By John Scott-Taggart

The following description of a novel full-wave rectifier of alternating current may be of interest. A single highly-exhausted vacuum tube contains two cylindrical anodes, which surround a common filament which is heated to incandescence. The structure is particularly applicable to high-power valves, and more simple tubes are made of small powers and for use in receiving circuits. The source of current to be rectified causes the potentials on the anodes to be of opposite sign at any given moment; consequently, the flow of electrons from the filament passes to each anode in turn.

The type of valve mentioned has numerous applications in wireless reception and telephony. The writer is indebted to the Edison Swan Electric Co., Ltd. (which has purchased the British patent rights) for permission to publish the above details. —*The Electrical Review,* Sept. 3, 1920.

AMPLIFICATION OF ELECTRIC CURRENTS IN THE BUNSEN FLAME

By C. W. Heaps

Modulation of Electric Currents in a Bunsen Flame; the Use of a Third Electrode.—When an electric current is sent through a Bunsen flame, entering and leaving the flame by platinum terminals, it has been found by the author that amplification effects similar to those in vacuum tubes may be secured by the use of a third electrode or grid placed near the lime-coated cathode in the flame. The potential of this grid is varied with respect to the cathode and direct current characteristic curves are given showing the current as a function of the grid potential. These curves are similar in appearance to those obtained with the audion, and may be utilized in the customary way for calculating the *amplification constants.* The factors influencing these amplification constants are discussed and it is found that under what are probably the most favorable conditions of the apparatus used, the voltage amplification is but little greater than unity. The power amplification is about 108 and the current amplification about 101. *The theory* of the action is outlined in a general way, the effectiveness of the grid is being ascribed to its retarding influence on the electron emission of the cathode. A consequent change in the cathode fall of potential alters the current through the flame. *The utility* of the device is not comparable with that of the vacuum tube amplifiers, largely because of the difficulty of securing permanent flame conditions. The energy output of the simple device used was also necessarily small because of the high flame resistance. It could be used, however, for the detection of electric waves.—*Abstracted from Physical Review.*

REMOVAL OF AUSTRALIAN RADIO AMATEUR RESTRICTIONS

The Wireless Institute of Australia has more than justified its existence. Due very largely to the persistent efforts of its Council, the Commonwealth Parliament has at least passt an Amendment of the W/T Regulations, and recently saw the removal of nearly all the impediments to and restrictions in the use of wireless apparatus for experimental and instructional purposes which existed during the war.

These regulations provide that any natural born British subject, male or female, residing in Australia may obtain a license to use wireless telegraph and wireless telephone apparatus for the purposes above named.

This freedom of the ether is given to a type of enthusiast who has existed in large numbers in the past and will be considerably augmented in the future.

Before the war there were about *one thousand people in Australia* using wireless apparatus for experimental purposes. The scope and possibilities of the science have extended so widely during the past five years that it will attract a much larger section than before. Clearly the new amendment is not intended to impose any undue restrictions on the individual, thus proving that those responsible for drafting the amendment now realize that the ether is a common highway, and that all have equal rights to its use.

Fortunately for the future of wireless development, the antiquated idea that universal ether could be fenced off, labelled and ticketed by some particular section of the community, or by some department of the Government accustomed to enjoying unchallenged monopolies, has largely disappeared. At last the truth is realized, that the supposititious ether fills all space and permeates all matter and is infinite in itself—that this thing must not and cannot be hamstrung by a limited conception of what it really is. Moreover, the possibilities of the science itself are almost as unlimited as its extent, because in only a few years we have developed from the comparatively old systems of telegraphing across a few hundred miles, to the greatly superior methods of the present day which enable us to listen to Melba at a distance of over 1,000 miles, or to pick up messages across the whole circumference of the world.

And yet it is in its infancy.

The Government, therefore, has at last recognized that one cannot make any hard and fast rule to control the ether, and has acted accordingly.—*Gleaned from Sea, Land and Air.*

EARTH SYSTEMS OR "GROUNDS"

By George Apperley

The vital importance of a good earth in conjunction with the aerial for radio work is well known and emphasized in all standard works on the subject, but how many experimental stations equipped with high grade and modern apparatus are rendered more or less inefficient by superfluous resistance in this section of the system? In many stations the earth wire can be traced to the water tap. This method of securing an earth connection does give results, but how much better will the station work if a better earth connection is secured? Probably the most perfect earth possible is that obtained by the hull of an iron vessel afloat in sea water, but even this possesses a certain amount of resistance. The aim of the experimenter should be to secure contact with the earth with as little resistance as possible and in such a manner as to ensure its value remaining unaltered. Provided an earth system is composed of three similar sections its approximate resistance may be measured and thus some idea obtained of its efficiency. Moreover, this measurement may be made from time to time to determine whether the resistance is constant.

When putting down an "earth" the initial cost and durability call for first consideration. Probably the cheapest form consists of galvanized iron wires and plates, but the more durable, of copper. The latter metal is, of course, very much superior to iron as regards conductivity, but its high price makes its use almost prohibitive. The plates should be buried edgewise concentrically about the foot of the antenna. Usually three plates about three feet square will suffice.—*Abstracted from Sea, Land and Air.*

WESTINGHOUSE ENTERS THE RADIO FIELD

One of the important recent developments in electrical industry is the entrance of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company into the radio field. Altho prior to the war this company was not commercially interested in wireless, it had devoted a great deal of attention to radio phenomena, and during the war it not only carried out extensive researches for the Government, but also manufactured a large amount of apparatus for military use. It is, therefore, well equipped to assist in developing the immeasurable scientific and commercial possibilities of this new art; and the addition of its resources to those already engaged in this line of work will undoubtedly benefit the entire industry.

"THE BUZZER"

An interesting little publication travelling under the breezy name of *The Buzzer* is being publisht "now and then" by and for the soldiers of the Sixth Field Signal Battalion, Camp Grant, Illinois.

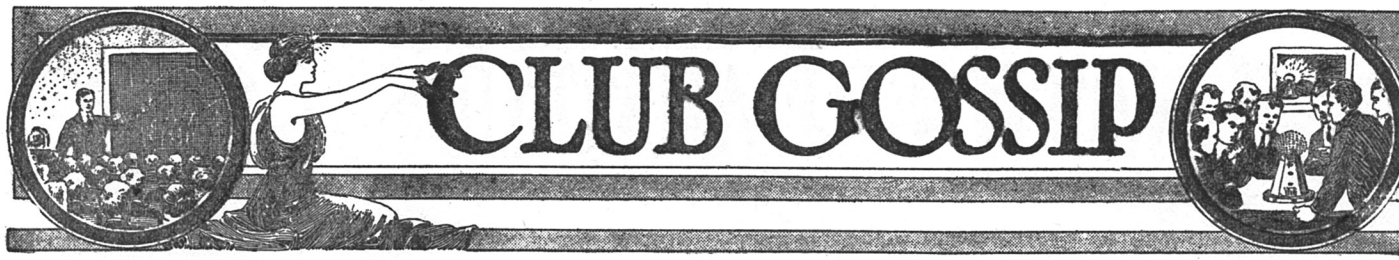
The paper is filled with good cheer, comradeship and information having to do with the life and work of the Signal Corps branch of the U. S. Army, where radio plays such a valuable and important part.

Young men casting about for a life filled with adventure, technical training and proper living would do well to investigate what this branch of Uncle Sam's service has to offer.

RADIO IN THE BRITISH MERCHANT MARINE

By H. Maccallum, B.S.C.

Notwithstanding the fact that remarkable technical progress has been made in wireless during the last five or six years, no great advancement has been evident in its practical application at sea until just recently, and it would almost appear to the onlooker that radio in the Merchant Marine had reached a period of stagnation. It is true that something like stagnation in commercial wireless occurred during the war, but there are very good reasons for this. The maximum output by all manufacturers of apparatus in any way useful for war purposes was essential at that time, and in the case of the Merchant Marine, the existing patterns of apparatus met all requirements. The only valid reason for introducing new patterns was to cheapen and expedite manufacture, or more efficiently to utilize the material available. With the exception of one or two minor alterations in design, introduced with this object in view, the apparatus fitted to ships in large quantities during the war was of pre-war pattern. The energies of designers were fully employed in bringing out new patterns of wireless gear for use in the theatres of war, and it is in this direction that the technical advances referred to have been made.—*Abstracted from The Electrician (London).*



EUREKA RADIO CLUB.

The Eureka Radio Club has been enlarged, with headquarters at Eureka College, where a room was given for the use of the club.

The first meeting was recently held with a good attendance of students and radio men. This gathering was open to a general discussion of organization and division of membership.

A technical course in wireless under a competent instructor has been arranged for the club—also an elementary course for the junior membership. Meetings are held each Monday.

Officers elected are as follows: President, Paul Rosborough; Vice-President. Coral Jury; Traffic Manager, Ivan rane; Librarian, Mary James; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Klaus.

The club will be glad to correspond with other schools and wireless organizations. *Henry Klaus, c/o Eureka Radio Club, Eureka, Ill.*

BEDFORD B'KLYN RADIO CLUB.

The Bedford Radio Club, 420 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., would like to get in touch with amateurs to devise ways and means of getting the most out of wireless work in ways of working together and arranging sociable times and visits and radio outings to places of common interest.

The Bedford Radio Club is planning a 3-months' course in Wireless Instruction for beginners.

All who are interested may apply to the Club's Secretary, James Corcoran, 420 Gates Ave., Bklyn.

THE WIRELESS SOCIETY OF LONDON.

A meeting of this Society took place on September 30th, at 6 p. m., at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George St., Westminster. (England).

A lecture was given by Mr. Maurice Child on his "Personal Experience in the Construction and Working of an H. F. Amplifier."

The Committee are still open to receive suggestions from members for lectures and papers for the forthcoming session, and it is hoped that members who can offer anything of interest will communicate with the undersigned as soon as possible. *H. L. McMichael, Hon. Sec., 32 Quex Road, West Hampstead, N.W.* 6.

CENTRAL RADIO CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY.

Recently the Central Radio Club of N. Y. was organized by sixteen amateurs of Harlem and Washington Heights, New York.

Meetings to be held every Tuesday night at the homes of its members.

The following officers were elected: Geo. T. Weber, president; Oscar Johnson, vice-president Henry Muller, secretary-treasurer; Henry Bock, librarian; all of whom are well known throughout this section.

Our president will lecture at our next meeting on C-W, on which subject he is an authority, having done special work along these lines during the War. Following this we will have a little talk on Wave Meters by the vice-president. And at the following meeting, secretary-treasurer Muller will give us a little talk on the "How and Why" of Amplifiers, with the assistance of Librarian Bock, who will draw diagrams and sketches on a black-board.

Our president and vice-president, have both sailed the "Seven Seas" as operators, and will tell us, as well as show photos, of their many experiences. All amateurs who are interested in a good "live-wire club—drop a line to A. Silverstein, 257 West 111th St., New York City, who is handling this work at present.

CENTRAL MAINE RADIO CLUB.

The Central Maine Radio Club of Waterville, consisting of the following members, Harold Claflin, Arthur Hustin, Stephen Ayer, Charles Libby, Earl Crawford, and Emery D. Austin, was organized and held its first meeting December 23, 1919.

The following officers were elected: Harold Claflin, president; Stephen Ayer, chief operator; Emery D. Austin, secretary and treasurer.

A committee of three were elected to draw up a set of by-laws. Meetings are held every two weeks on Tuesdays. Anyone residing nearby interested in Wireless is cordially invited to attend any of these meetings.

At a recent meeting it was voted to affiliate with the A. R. R. L. As Waterville is a small town we are very proud to say we have over 25 members. We expect to increase this to 40 by December. All letters should be addressed to the secretary, Emery D. Austin, 1 TK, Central Maine Radio Club, Waterville, Me.

SENECA, N. Y. RADIO ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the Seneca Radio Association of Geneva, N. Y., was held on September 10, 1920.

As soon as it is found convenient, a business meeting will be held and the affairs of the association will be straightened up and all old business attended to.

The association will be pleased to hear from anyone interested. Address all communications to the secretary, Clifford H. Daykin, 331 Washington St., Geneva, N. Y.

THE RADIO RESEARCH CLUB NEW YORK CITY.

We report the Re-organization Meeting of the Radio Research Club. After a suspension of activities for two months the club has again resumed its activities and this coming season promises to be one of the best in the history of the club.

On Friday evening September 24, the re-organization meeting of the R. R. C. was held. Many of the old members were present and plans were made for a greater organization and more adequate facilities to handle the affairs of the Club. Various committees were appointed by the chairman to carry on the good work of the Club. Mr. Hertzberg then gave a very interesting lecture on wavemeters and their calibration. This finished the program for the evening and the meeting was adjourned with the good wishes of the members for the continued prosperity of the Club.

All inquiries should be address to Jonas Cohen, 789 East 163rd St., New York City.

Radio Articles in the November Issue of Science and Invention

(Formerly Electrical Experimenter.)

A 300 KW. Radio Transmitter at Bolinas, Cal.

The Audion in a New Róle—A Remarkable New Detectaphone and Electro-Therapeutic Machine.

Simplest Long Wave Audion Receiver. By Elliott A. White.

How to Become a Professional Radio Man—Part 3—Conclusion. By Pierre H. Boucheron.

Amateur Radio Laboratory Prize Contest.

Question and Answer Column.

A NEW ZEALAND RADIO SOCIETY.

It may interest fellow readers of RADIO NEWS to know, that by combining ourselves, throughout this country into an Incorporated Society instead of separate Clubs, we have secured one of our main objects, *i. e.*, the obtaining of licenses to carry out experimental work among ourselves, as is permitted in other countries.

For the benefit of members, the Society is divided into "Centres," which I think is very advantageous. The Auckland Centre was formed six weeks ago, and now has a membership of 52 enrolled. Wellington, our headquarters, I believe have 120 members, so that for our population, we are doing very well, as there are other centres of which I have not received report of the members. Interested persons may communicate with *Robert F. D. Bunnell, Secretary, Box 1166, Auckland, New Zealand.*

THE SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB.

The newly organized San Antonio Radio Club, now holds regular meetings at the city Y. M. C. A. Building.

The officers of the Club at present are: President, Sgt. Shelton; secretary, G. T. Atchison; treasurer, L. D. Wall.

The Club holds meetings each Wednesday night of the week.

There is quite a number of two-stage amplifier receiving sets being installed here now, and we expect to do much long distance receiving work this winter.

Interested persons may communicate with the secretary, Mr. G. T. Atchison, 3712 Roosevelt Ave., San Antonio, Texas.

NEW YORK BOY SCOUTS RADIO CLUB.

A Radio Club is to be organized amongst the Scouts of Manhattan, N. Y. C., and that from their Headquarters each night a message will be sent "Broadcast" telling the events of the day. At Headquarters, Mr. Schwartz who was an operator in the U. S. Navy, will have charge of the Club and station and will have the co-operation of some well-known amateur operators. For further information kindly write to Mr. Schwartz at The Boy Scout Headquarters, 73 Madison Ave., New York City.

SPRINGFIELD RADIO ASSOCIATION.

A delegation from the Springfield Radio Association recently made a trip to Hartford, Conn., where they applied for membership in the American Radio Relay League and also paid a visit to 1AW, the station of Hiram Percy Maxim, president of the A. R. R. L. Mr. Maxim gave the delegates a royal welcome and a most enjoyable evening was spent "listening in." Several members of the Club communicated with friends in Springfield, although static was very troublesome. Mr. Maxim invited the entire Club to a convention of radio "bugs" which will be held in Hartford next fall.

Now that the association has completed the installation of a receiving set, it has made two definite aims; first, to raise enough money by October First to install a complete ½ kilowatt transmitting station, and secondly, to have every member a Government licensed operator by December first of this year. To secure the latter aim, code instruction classes have been organized which will meet Wednesday and Friday evenings beside the regular meeting night on Tuesday. These classes will meet in the Club rooms at 19 Orleans St., Springfield, Mass. *Philip C. Humphrey, Publicity Mgr.*

THE EL PASO RADIO CLUB.

The El Paso Radio Club was organized March 15, 1920. Officers are: President, Le Roy Hill; vice-president. Albert Murdock, Jr.; secretary, Fred Whitlock. Members are Cyril Edmandson, Jack Ryan, Robert Stewart, Frank Stencil, Claude Hammel, Fordes Jones, Charles Bush, Fred Price, Morton Oliver, and Reis Beddow. The purpose of the Club is to prevent amateurs from interfering with Government stations. All members are required to have a set and know thoroly the operation of it. All transmitting stations are required to have a spark frequency of at least 200 cycles. Members are required to keep their stations in first class condition and never to exceed two hundred meters in transmitting. Code practice among amateurs here is only allowable from 7 until 9 p. m. Members disobeying rules are expelled from the Club. A listening station is in town to listen for amateurs interfering with Government messages.

The reason for not allowing code practice in day time is that the aeroplanes work on three hundred meters and several times amateurs have prevented communication.

The El Paso Radio Club promises to aid the Government in all possible ways to prevent interferences. *Le Roy Hill.*

ESSEX COUNTY RADIO CLUB.

A meeting of the Essex County Radio Association was held at Salem Fraternity on Central St., recently, open to every one in the Salem section, which includes Peabody, Danvers and Marblehead. Anyone interested in wireless or electricity is welcome to future meetings.

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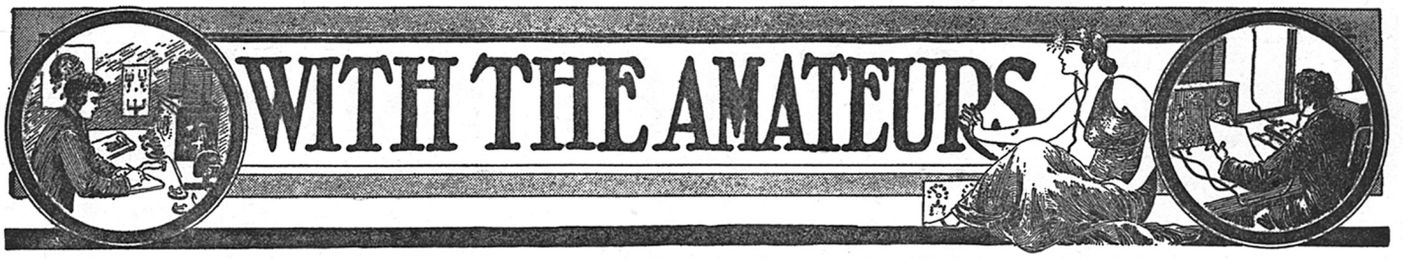


THIS Department is open to all readers. It matters not whether subscribers or not. All photos are judged for best arrangement and efficiency of the apparatus, neatness of connections and general appearance. In order to increase the interest in this department, we make it a rule not to publish photographs of stations unaccompanied by a picture of the owner.

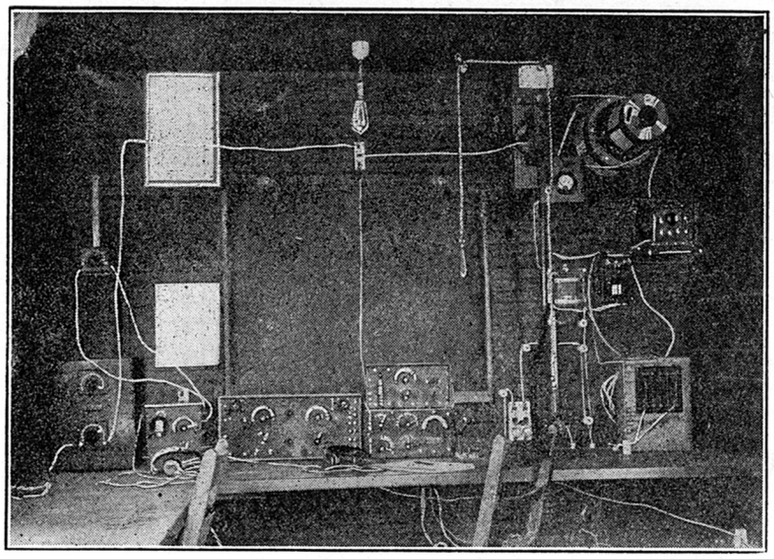
We prefer dark photos to light ones. The prize winning pictures must be on prints not smaller than 5 x 7". We cannot reproduce pictures smaller than 3½ x 3½". All pictures must bear name and address written in ink on the back. A letter of not less than 100 words giving full description of the station, aerial equipment, etc., must accompany the pictures.

PRIZES: One first monthly prize of $5.00. All other pictures publisht will be paid for at the rate of $2.00.

New Mexico State College Radio Club Station

By R. W. GODDARD

THE State College (New Mexico) Radio Club had its inception when several ex-service men got together last year to swap yarns, discuss wireless experiences in the war; in brief to fight the war over again. As this College had trained army men in this branch of the service and had an extensive amount of equipment that had been used for that purpose stored away, it was suggested that it might be possible to get the use of this apparatus and set up an amateur station. This permission was readily obtained from the College authorities and immediately plans were made to carry out the idea. But when it became known around the Campus that a station was contemplated, a considerable group of students instantly expressed their desire to be in on it. This led to the organization of the Club. A preliminary meeting was held early in October, 1919. Plans were definitely laid and officers elected for the year. A Constitution Committee was appointed and dates set for subsequent meetings. At a later meeting the constitution and by-laws were adopted.



Interior View of Radio Shack of this Progressive College. Note the method of operating the antenna switch by means of the cord pull— an arrangement somewhat similar to that employed on some battleships. Plenty of "listening-in" space too.

Work on setting up the station was begun immediately. The Radio House that had been built and used in the field to the South of the College Hospital was moved to the angle of the Engineering Building. A tall iron pipe mast was erected on the tower of the latter building. Unfortunately, before this mast could be guyed, a heavy wind storm came up and destroyed it, dropping it in three pieces through the roof of the Engineering Building. But this was no damper to the enthusiasm of the Club members. They immediately set to work on another. This "stick" was designed somewhat differently and every precaution was taken that no ill befall it. It went up into the air *133 feet* according to schedule amid the cheers of the whole club and half the student body one fine Saturday morning. The aerial, a four-wire inverted L with a flat top of one hundred feet had its outer end hoisted to the top of this mast while the other end was supported by a shorter forty-foot pipe mast erected at the end of the Radio House. With this aerial up it was not long before the fellows were listening to NPL (San Diego); NPM (Pearl Harbor, Hawaii); NPG (San Francisco); NFF (New Brunswick, N. J.); NSS (Annapolis, Md.); NWW (Tuckerton, N. J.); NDD (Sayville, L. I.); XDA (Mexico City), and a host of other stations of high power to say nothing of the swam of smaller ship and coast stations which come in like the drone of honey bees about a cherry tree in full bloom.

The equipment for the transmitting end of the station was slower in erection as it was decided to make a number of changes over the old layout used by the College during the war. But this was fitted up soon after the Christmas holidays and great was the rejoicing when word was received that we had been heard by 5ZA in Roswell, N. M., 150 miles away over two high mountain ranges and a desert. From this to a regular schedule with other amateur stations was but a step. This station has done real work on several occasions sending results of athletic events to various home towns of visiting teams. The club is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League and hopes this year to be in the Southern transcontinental relay line.

The transmitting equipment as shown in the photo comprises a ¼ *K.V.A.* Packard transformer with its secondary connected across an eight stud rotary gap. The closed oscillation circuit includes the gap, four sections of Murdock molded condensers and a Duck commercial type scillation transformer. The secondary is connected to the antenna through a Murdock series condenser and to the ground lead through a General Radio Co.'s hot wire ammeter. All of the lighting and power circuits are protected by resistance or condenser "kickback" protective devices. The ground is a ¾-inch pipe running directly into the water system of the College. The antenna switch is a single pole 100 ampere three position switch. The knife blade is mounted directly on the 17-inch lead in bushing while the contacts are mounted on 10-inch electrode pillars. The upper position throws the antenna to the transmitter, the middle position to the receiving sets, while the lower one grounds the antenna direct. The switch is operated by a cord with handles convenient to the operator's position.

The receiving is accomplished on two sets. A Duck short wave regenerative set with audiotron panel is used on waves below 600 meters while a large loose coupler with a DeForest ultraudion detector brings in the longer waves. A two step amplifier is available for amplification of signals from either set.

Besides the radio equipment the radio house has a table fitted with keys and head sets for code practice. Audiofrequency current for this is obtained from the commutator of a small D. C. motor. There are also racks for books and magazines of which the College Library supplies the leading ones devoted to radio.

The Club holds regular meetings every Monday night at which time topics of interest are discussed and different pieces of apparatus are explained and tested out. It is also planned to have an inspection trip soon to El Paso, Texas, to see Fort Bliss (WZO) and the army airplane radio at the flying field there. A banquet will also be held at that time. Our college calls are: 5XD, 5FY, 5FZ, 5CX, while my own calls are: 5XJ and 5CW.

THOSE LIZZIES AGAIN.

First Amateur—"Bill is getting quite expert in his tuning."

Second Amateur—"How come?"

First Amateur—"He can now tune in the Fords that pass his house in the night."

—*Joseph Thompson.*

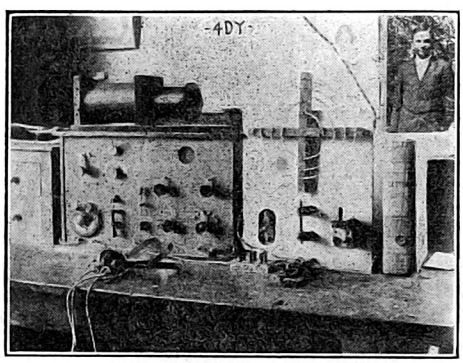
Henry H. Pike Station

Here is a photograph of my radio station, my official call being 4Dy. The receiving cabinet on the left, constructed by myself, contains the following apparatus: N.A.A. receiving transformer, one fixed and two variable condensers, electron relay and controls, galena detector, 3000 ohm phones and a loading coil with which I can tune up to 10,000 meters.

The transmitting panel on the right contains a home-made oscillation transformer and spark with a Ford spark coil.

My aerial consists of four wires 60 feet long and 40 feet high with a 15-foot lead in.

With the above apparatus I have been able to copy a number of stations. Among them are N.A.A., N.Q.R., N.A.T., N.A.Q., N.E.V. and N.A.M. I have been able to work a number of amateurs with my transmitting set and would be glad to hear from any amateurs near here who would like to communicate with me.



Pike By Name But No Piker When it Comes to Radio Enthusiasm.

HENRY H. PIKE,
206 Park Avenue,
La Grange, Ga.

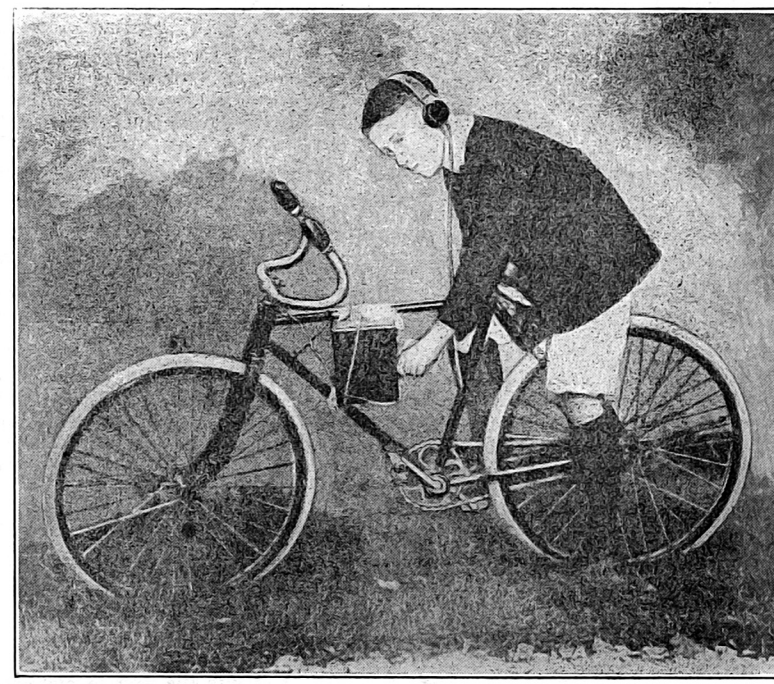
WIRELESS LIGHTS TO GUIDE AIR MAIL PLANES

Small electric lights operated by wireless placed on the front of the machines will guide the planes at night on the transcontinental air mail route between Cheyenne, Salt Lake and San Francisco, explained Colonel John A. Jordan, superintendent of the western division of the air mail service recently. Colonel Jordan, who had just arrived from the east, consulted with S. R. Inch, general manager of the Utah Power & Light Company, relative to obtaining power for the operation of the radio station to be established in Salt Lake.

"The lights," Colonel Jordan said, "will be tuned to the wireless instruments of the three cities in such a manner that they will shine only when the planes are within a certain radio path about 200 feet in width. When a plane strays from this path the lights will go out and the pilot will be obliged to determine by the wind on which side of the route he is traveling. Approach to the destination will be signified by a flashing on and off of the lights. The process has proved a success in thorough tests and is owned by the government."

Authorization for building the Salt Lake radio station on the site selected at the State Fair grounds was given by Colonel Jordan, and he further declared that employees of the plant and the landing station, as far as possible, will be selected from among local applicants. About eight men will be required at the radio station and about twenty-five at the landing field. He estimates that work on the hangars and plant will be well under way by December.

Son of Secretary of War and His Bike Station



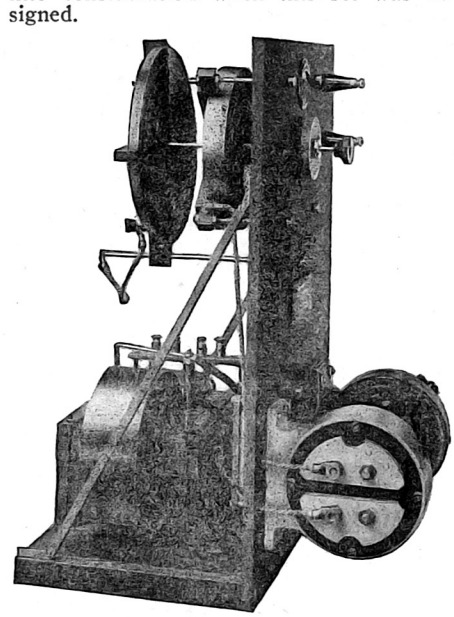
Jack Baker of Washington, D. C., 'Listening in' With His Bicycle Set.

Phil McGook, from Hecker's Corner, Illinois, is not the only bird who can claim radio telegraphic honors. Here we have Jack Baker, son of Secretary of War Baker. He has studied radio telegraphy with the same enthusiasm that you have, and in addition to his home set has rigged up a portable outfit on his bicycle as the picture shows. In fact he is such a "bug" that he has to be "listening-in" while riding around Washington. We are informed that he can pick up signals from the Arlington station without any difficulty by using the frame of his bicycle in a loop aerial arrangement, which is getting an earful on the run, we'll say. Let us hear from you, Jack, what kind of a station have you?

A New Transmitter Panel*

An Amateur Spark Set with a Professional Appearance.

The demand for an amateur spark transmitting panel at a moderate price was taken into consideration when this set was designed.



One Feature of This Panel Transmitter is the Hytone Rotary Quenched Gap Which Has Been Redesigned For This Set.

The instruments are mounted on a half-inch bakelite panel 16 x 24 inches. The panel is suitably engraved, and high-tension binding posts are mounted in the upper right-hand corner for antenna and ground connection. The "hytone" rotary quenched gap and motor are mounted on the front of the panel as well as the knobs to change the coupling and primary turns of the oscillation transformer. The "hytone" gap has been redesigned and is of cast aluminum, which provides a very attractive finish when machined.

In the rear of the panel are mounted the transformer, Dubilier mica condenser and oscillation transformer. The oscillation transformer is constructed entirely of bakelite and nickel-plated copper strip. There are five turns in the primary and ten turns in the secondary. Adjustment of the secondary is provided for by a clip. All connections are of copper braid which provide against undue leakage and loss of efficiency. With an antenna of 10 ohms resistance this set is capable of over five amperes output.

*Illustration by courtesy of Clapp-Eastham.

RUBBER TUBE INSULATORS.

Many a "Ham" has to carry his lead-in over the edge of the roof and across the iron gutter—a place where troublesome leaks *will* occur, for the gutter is usually grounded. Try covering the lead in at this spot with several feet of heavy garden hose secured in place with friction tape; makes good insulator for small transmitters.

Speaking of rubber hose—can you find the one that led the gas to your old table lamp. Tear of its silk covering and you will find six feet of the best kind of insulation for high tension wires in the interior of a panel set, or any place where close wiring must have extra heavy protection.

Contributed by A. D. KEOGH.

SOME DROP!

"I saw a man fall off from a 300-foot radio tower without hurting himself."

"How did it happen?"

"He was only up two feet when he fell."

CARLEY CONNOR.

Junior Radio Course

The Vacuum Tube Detector

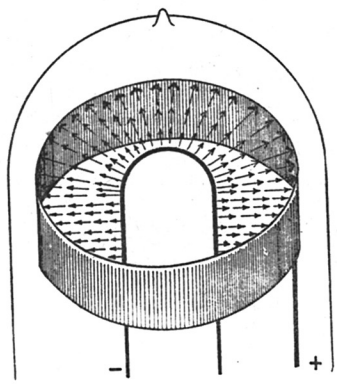


Fig. 1

When the Filament is Heated Electrons Are Driven From the Filament to the Plate in Rapid Manner.

IN our study of the various detectors employed in radio communication, we now reach the most important and useful of all and that is the *Vacuum Tube.* The term Vacuum Tube has become quite general and popular, but other names are often employed and these sometime confuse the beginning amateur who wonders whether each name refers to a distince and separate instrument.

So if you read or hear of such names as *audion, vacuum valve, electron relay, Fleming valve, oscillion, pliotron, audiotron,* you will know that these are in some cases pet names given by certain investigators while in other cases they are trade names employed by manufacturers to distinguish their own particular product from that of others. We, on the other hand, shall refer to this wonderful lamp as the Vacuum Tube, exclusively, which is often abbreviated to simply V. T.

It may be said that the entry of the Vacuum Tube has done more for the rapid advance of radio communication than any other given instrument. Not only that, but it is capable of performing more functions than any other electrical device. Its main and most important uses are for the three big factors in the radio of today, which are:

Detection and rectification.
Amplification of signals.
Generation of oscillations.

Then too, new applications of the vacuum tube are gradually being made so that possibilities of further development are certainly promising.

WHO INVENTED IT?

You are naturally interested to know who is responsible for the invention of this wonder lamp. There are several investigators who had a hand towards its present practical form. Back in 1884, that great American inventor, Thomas Alva Edison, took one of his incandescent lamps and observed that when the filament was heated to a white glow a very small electric current could be made to flow between the filament to a cold plate closely adjoining it *in one direction only.* He called his device an "Electrical Indicator" and later it was named the Edison Valve. Years afterwards, Dr. J. A. Fleming of England applied the "Edison effect" to radio telegraphy for the first time, and he called his device the Oscillation Valve. This scientist was the first to employ the emission of electrons from heated filaments for the detection and rectification of radio frequency oscillations in a radio telegraph receiving system.

THE PART ELECTRONS PLAY

The Vacuum Tube is sometimes called an "electron relay," for that is just what it is—*it relays electrons from the filament to the plate.* An electron is the *smallest* particle of matter known to science, and it is supposed to carry the smallest possible charge of *negative* electricity on its travel from one body to another. In other words electrons really consist of very small amounts of negative electricity. In the case of Vacuum Tubes, electrons act as carriers of electricity between the filament and the plate which are separated in a vacuum.

Fig. 1 shows what takes place within the inside of a Vacuum Tube of the Fleming two-element type. By *two element* we mean the kind which employ simply a filament and a plate. The three element vacuum tube is the one employing filament, plate and *grid,* which we shall describe in the next lesson.

Referring again to Fig. 1, as soon as the filament of *any* electric incandescent lamp is heated to a red or white heat the filament immediately begins to emit or throw out electrons in a very rapid manner and in all directions. In the case of an ordinary lamp, these electrons simply hit the sides of the glass bulb. If, however, we place a small metal band around either the outside or the inside of the glass bulb and if we connect a set of dry batteries between the filament and plate so that the negative pole of the battery is connected to the negative side of the filament and the positive pole to this metal plate, these negative electrons will be *greatly attracted to the plate* because it is of a positive nature. If the plate be made negative instead, the electrons will be repelled and will try to find other landing places. It is simply a matter of *likes attract unlikes, but repel likes* as in the case of the permanent horseshoe magnets with their north and south poles which you often have played with.

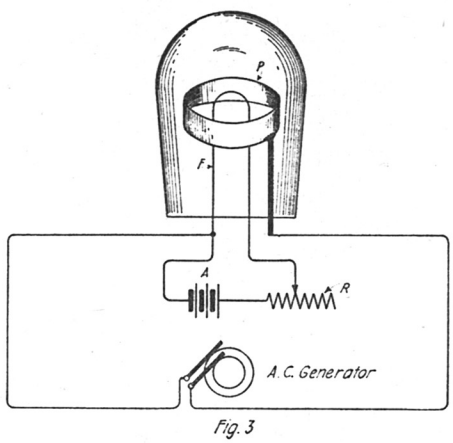


Fig. 3

In this Case We Use an Alternating Current on the Plate Side to Demonstrate the Rectifying Principle of the Tube.

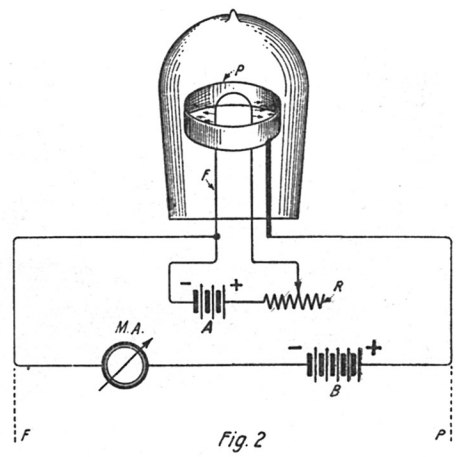


Fig. 2

Simple Form of the Fleming Two Element Valve Illustrating a Source of Direct Current Applied to the Plate.

THE FLEMING VALVE

In Fig. 2, we have a simple form of the original oscillation valve used by Mr. Fleming. F is a filament heated to incandescence by the battery A, the current of which is controlled by the rheostat R. If we connect a battery of cells between the negative side of the filament F and the plate P so that the positive side of this second battery is connected to the plate, we will find if we introduce a sensitive current meter such as the milliammeter M.A. (which will respond to the thousand part of an ampere) that a small amount of current is capable of passing thru the space separating the filament and the plate in one direction only, that is from the plate to the filament and this small current will register upon the milliammeter. On the other hand, if the polarity of this battery is reversed; i. e. if the plate side is made negative instead of positive, we will find that no current can pass thru the system.

This action means that we have a *rectifier* at our disposal because if we substitute an alternating current for the battery B as in Fig. 3, we will find that only one-half of a cycle, the positive side, will pass thru, while the other half of the cycle (the negative side) will be unable to pass. Fig. 4 illustrates this action where the upper graph A is seen five cycles of alternating current that is *constantly changing from positive to negative* as it travels along a circuit, and which is the sort of electricity furnisht by the A. C. generator of Fig. 3. Graph B of Fig. 4, on the other hand, shows what happens to the A. C. when it passes thru the Fleming Valve rectifier.

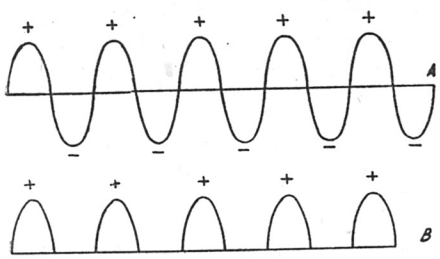


Fig. 4

The Upper Graph Shows an A.C. Before Rectification and the Lower Graph the Same Current After Being Rectified.

Only one-half of the five cycles remains—the positive half. As for the negative half it is not present. Thus, you see, you have the rectifying action of the valve and this same rectifying principle is employed to rectify the incoming oscillations of a radio telegraph receiving system.

THE FLEMING VALVE AS A DECTECTOR

Since in order to receive radio waves it is necessary to first rectify their A. C. nature into a pulsating D. C. which will operate the telephone receivers and cause a sound to be heard, the Fleming Valve may be used as a detector on account of the rectifying action we have just mentioned.

Fig. 5, therefore, shows this two-element vacuum tube being used as a detector of radio oscillations. Altho this circuit is a very elementary one, it will function fairly well. In some cases, however, an additional set of batteries are used in the plate circuit with better results. The action of this circuit is a rectifying one; that is to say the incoming radio oscillations which represent the signals are rectified where but one-half of their alternations (that is their positive side) is permitted to pass thru to the filament circuit and thence to the phones as previously mentioned in the graphs of Fig. 4.

In our next lesson we shall take up the study of the *three-element vacuum tube;* that is the one consisting of filament, plate and grid.

Questions for this Lesson.

1. What action did Mr. Edison discover in one of his early experiments with the incandescent lamp?
2. What is meant by the Fleming oscillation valve?
3. What part do electrons play in the operation of the vacuum tube
4. Describe the rectifying action of the vacuum tube.
5. Draw a memory circuit diagram of a Fleming valve being used as a detector of radio oscillations.

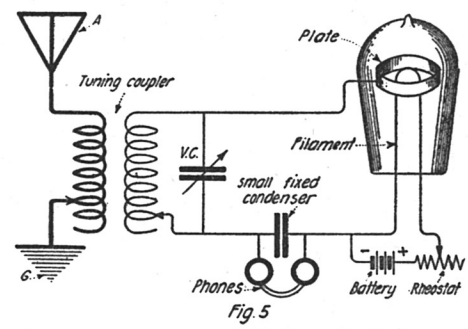


Fig. 5

Elementry Circuit Emploing the Fleming Valve as a Detector in a Radio Receiver.

Dictionary of Technical Terms Used in Radio Telegraphy and Telephony*

Slip Rings—Two complete metallic rings separated by an insulator, from which the collecting brushes pick up the current generated by an alternator. They take the place of a Commutator on a direct current generator.

Slots—The teeth of core discs.

Sn—See Tin.

Sodium—Na. Natrium. Very soft, silver-white metallic element. A.W. 22.88. S.G. 0.98. Val I. Cehm. Eq. 22.88. Elec. Chem. Eq. 0.000,238,8

Solder—An alloy of lead and tin used for joining wires, etc.

Solenoid—A coil of wire having the property of an electromagnet. An electromagnet without the core.

Sounder—Telegraph receiving instrument. Consists of a brass armature, pivoted at one end over two electromagnets. Is connected up similarly to a single stroke bell. When a current passes, the magnets attract the armature, causing it to click against a metallic rest. Upon the circuit being broken, the key being released, a spring jerks the armature back into place giving a click as it strikes another rest. Dots and dashes are recognized by the time interval between these two clicks.

South Magnetic Pole—Situated in Lat. 70 South, and Long. 102 East. Does not coincide with Geographic South Pole.

South Pole—See Polarity of Magnets.

Spark Gap—A break in an oscillating circuit which acts as an automatic safety valve to the condenser. The air between the gap having a high resistance, the condenser cannot discharge until the potential is sufficient to break down its insulation, thus only permitting heavy discharges to take place.

Sparking at Coil Contacts—Is due to inductances of primary winding producing a high voltage back flowing current at each interruption of supply current, which sets up an arc between coil contacts, causing the platinum to melt and the contacts to stick by fusing together. Can be minimised by placing a condenser across gap.

Spark Micrometer—An instrument for accurately measuring the length of a spark gap. Not to be confused with a *Micrometer Spark Gap.*

Spreader—A spar or pole used for keeping the component wires of an aerial parallel to each other. A double-lugged steel band is fitted to each end to facilitate attachment to aerial and bridle by shackles.

Specific Gravity—S.G. The weight of a body compared with that of another having an equal bulk, taken as a standard. For practical purposes, of the heavier substances, water is the standard.

Specific Inductive Capacity—Of a medium it is the ratio of a condenser capacity having this medium as dielectric to the capacity of the same condenser having air as its dielectric. As all materials vary so greatly, the following figures are only approximate: Air 1, Mica 5 to 8, Glass 3 to 9, Ebonite 3, Shellac 3 to 3.5, India Rubber 2.5, Gutta-percha 2.5, Paraffin Wax 2.3.

Specific Resistance—Resistance of any material having a cube of one centimeter.

Spike—A pointed steel rod used for screwing shackles and also for opening out the strands of wire or rope for splicing.

Splice—The union of ropes and wires by the interweaving of their component strands.

Squared Paper—Paper specially ruled into graduated squares for the purpose of plotting curves.

Squirrel-Cage Rotor—One whose windings consist of a number of stout copper conductors interconnected at both ends by copper rings, the whole roughly resembling a Squirrel Cage. See Induction Motor.

S. R.—See Specific Resistance. A Silicon Steel composed of Iron.

Stalloy—A Silicon Steel composed of Iron, Silicon, Manganese Sulphur, Carbon and Phosphorus. The Iron and Silicon predominate.

Stand-Bi—A position of the tuner whereby waves of widely varying lengths are received. In operating, the expression is used to mean "Wait and listen," or "Don't interrupt." The International signal is QRX.

Standard Cell—Formerly the Clark Cell was used as the standard, but lately the Weston Cell has been accepted. See Weston Cell.

Starboard—Right side of a ship looking forward. Green light.

Star Grouping—A system of connecting up three phase windings. The circuits start from a common junction and their three ends go to three lines. Also called Y grouping.

Starter—A rheostat used for starting up a motor gradually. Usually fitted with a no-volt Release and sometimes with an Overload Release.

Static—Atmospheric disturbance.

Static Characteristic—A curve showing relationship between current of an arc and the potential drop of electrodes when their quantities are varied.

Static Charge—An electric charge at rest.

Static Electricity—See Electrostatics.

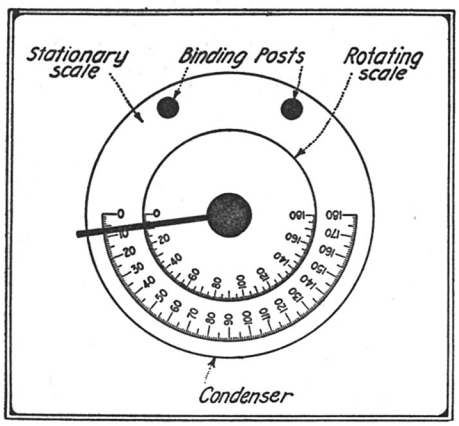
Static Induction—Effect of inducing a temporary electric charge in an electrified body by bringing near to it, but without contact, an electrified body. Transference without contact.

Static Leak—A coil of wire shunted across condenser in aerial circuit of tuner to allow weak atmospherics to escape "Leak to earth, instead of gradually charging up condenser. It is highly inductive, to prevent escape of required oscillations.

*This Dictionary was started in our March issue.

Junior Constructor

"SNAPPY" CONDENSER SCALES.



With This Scheme You Have an Expensive-Looking Condenser.

Here is an idea for you fellows who wish to have "snappy" condenser scales on your condenser. Secure some telephone transmitter diaphragms of which one side has a silvered finish. Now remove the knob and pointer from condenser. If diaphragms larger than 2½" in diameter are used they should be cut down to that dimension. Now enlarge the hole in the center of the diaphragm until it will slip on to the post on which the knob is then screwed back. It will be found that the numbers on the condenser scale just show under the new diaphragm-dial, which may be engraved to correspond with them. (The engraving may be done with a pen and ink or a pen and black enamel). If it is desired to make them still more "snappy" a hole can be drilled in the knob and a dowel about two inches long inserted in it, thus making the condenser easier to work and securing much finer tuning. It might be added that this scale also acts as a shield if connected properly in a C. W. hook-up.

Contributed by W. W. BRINKERHOFF.

A KICK-BACK PREVENTER.

Many amateurs are troubled by high frequency kick-backs and either do not know how to prevent them, or haven't the money to buy a high priced kick-back preventer. Here is one that will serve just as well as any high priced kick-back preventer. Buy two carbon lamps (you can get old carbon filament lamps for 15 to 20 cents each) and connect them as shown in the diagram. Whenever there is a kick-back the high frequency surge will go to the ground thru the lamps, thus saving your meter and fuses. If the lamps burn out the renewals are cheap, so there is no excuse for any amateur not having a kick-back preventer.

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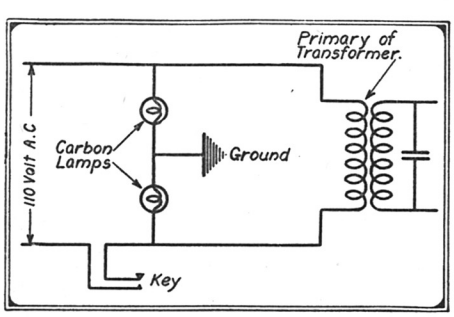


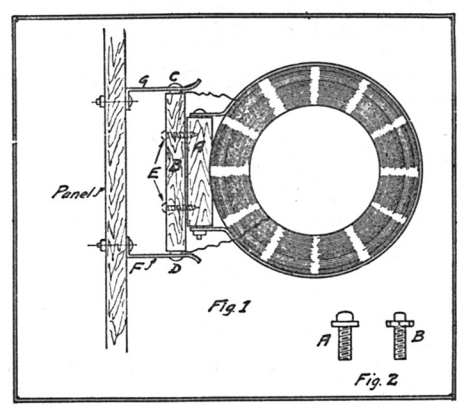
Two Old-Fashioned Carbon Filament 110-Volt Lamps May Serve as a Kick-Back Preventer.

ANOTHER HONEYCOMB COIL MOUNTING.

Sending in designs for honeycomb coil mountings seems to be a popular pastime with the amateurs, so will send in one I worked out. While I am modest, I don't mind saying it is much better than any I have tried. It works very well, is simple and easy to make and will stand a lot of hard usage. What more do you want?

The complete drawing in Fig. 1 should explain the contruction. It will be noted that the binding of the coil proper is like that of the factory made article. The binder is best made of 1/32" fibre, but anything from linen to a strip of rubber collar may be used. The block "A" is made of hard-wood, stained black, 1¼" long. It should be of the same thickness as the coil, and of various depths depending upon the size of coil it is used with. Piece "B" is of ¼" by ¼" fibre, drilled for the two wood screws "E," and drilled and tapped at each end for 6/32 or 8/32 round-head machine screws. The two leads from the coil are fastened under these screw heads.

Lower bearing bracket is of 1/16" by ½" brass or copper strip, of sufficient stiffness not to have any spring. Hole for lower bearing screw "D" should be large enough



Much Better Than Any Other Mounting Long Has Used Before. He's Modest, Tho, That's the Short of it.

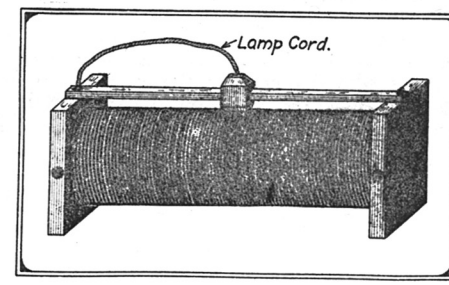
to fit well up over the screw head. A distance of ½" from the panel for this hole is about right. Upper bracket bearing has the same dimensions as the lower, but is made of fairly stiff phosphor bronze spring strip. It should be adjusted so that the coils swing easily, but are not too loose. For those using portable sets, subject to such hard usage that the coils might fall out, the bearing screws "C" and "D" should be altered as shown at "A," Fig. 2. Here the screw head has a shoulder filed on it as shown. The detail "B" in Fig. 2 may be used if preferred, and consists of a nut and short length of threaded rod. Fitted with either of these the coil will stand any amount of jarring without falling out, and may still be snapped in and out with ease.

I feel sure that anyone who will try this mounting will prefer it to many others. It should be noted that the factory made coil is easily adaptable to this arrangement. No fears need be entertained of noises due to poor contact. I have used it for two months with never so much as a click, even in the plate lead of a regenerative circuit.

Contributed by L. LONG.

INSURING PROPER SLIDE CONTACT

While receiving signals one night I moved the slider slightly and weakened the signal some, and again it would sometimes increase the signal strength, so I arrived at the conclusion that the slider made poor contact with the rod. I then soldered a flexible piece of wire to the slider and binding posts, to which it was



If You Are Using an Old Tuning Coil as a Loading Inductance Make Sure of Slide Contact.

connected, which resulted in an increase in efficiency. The scheme is outlined herewith.

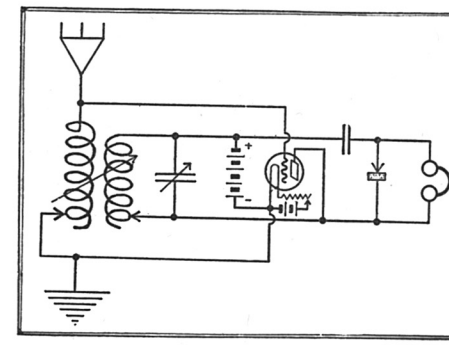
Contributed by WM. J. O'NEILL, JR.

A SIMPLE REGENERATIVE CIRCUIT

As the accompanying diagram indicates, all the apparatus required for this circuit is the following: a long wave tuning coil (or two honeycomb coils), one variable condenser, a crystal detector, a grid condenser and one audion bulb with the necessary batteries. The capacities, sizes, etc., of these instruments are of the standard type used by experimenters.

This circuit possesses some features which deserve special mention. It will be noted that the primary is connected to the grid and the secondary to the plate. As a result, regeneration is secured by the coupling between the primary and secondary, and no energy is lost in a separate tickler or feedback coil. The audion serves to maintain the oscillations in the circuit, and the crystal detector is used to rectify the signals. The effect is equivalent to *one stage of amplification.* The tuning is controlled almost entirely by varying the coupling and the variable condenser, for which reason this circuit is especially adapted for use with honeycomb coils. I use a Navy type tuning coil, which is bank wound according to the system described on page 623 of the May number of RADIO AMATEUR NEWS. My antenna is a small indoor one, consisting of four wires 50 feet long, with a 25-foot lead in. Using this equipment and the above described circuit, I have copied most of the Atlantic coast undampt wave stations without amplification. I have also used this circuit on a small tuning coil for receiving 600 meter spark stations. Here I find it to give louder signals than either a crystal or audion detector alone.

Contributed by WILLARD H. FARR.



This Effective Circuit Has Given Mr. Farr Excellent Results at Minimum Cost.

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ONE TUBE TRANSFORMER

(117) W. A. Simpson, Chicago, Ill., requests:

Q. 1. Please publish a suitable hook-up in the "I want to know" columns of RADIO NEWS whereby a single, vacuum tube is used in a radio phone circuit suitable for low wave lengths and employing, if possible, a small honeycomb coil instead of the regular inductance."

A. 1. A hook-up suitable for this method is shown on this page where the coil L-35 is employed as the antenna inductance and the variable condenser of .001 mfd. is used for the adjustment of the circuit.

TRANSFORMER-RECTIFIER FOR V.T. WORK

(118) Mr. Harold H. Okasaki, Los Angeles, Cal., asks:

Q. 1. Can small step-up transformer delivering voltages of 200, 300, 400, and 500 volts be used as a source of current for the radiophone circuit?

A. 1. Yes, this transformer can be used, in connection with two vacuum tube *rectifiers* to supply direct current to the plates of the bulbs.

Q. 2. With a small loose coupler, crystal deflector, fixed condenser, Murdock receiver, and an aerial 35 feet high and 30 feet long, can I receive about 300 miles or more?

A. 2. The aerial is too small for such a range, but under favorable conditions good results may be obtained. We suggest a 100 foot aerial.

USING A FAN MOTOR AS A PLATE GENERATOR

(119) Mr. Orris P. Bozman, Baltimore, Md., wishes to know:

Q. 1. Can a 250 volt fan motor running as a generator at a higher speed, delivering about 300 volts and having a commutator made of 20 segments be used for a radiophone with a filter circuit to cut out the ripple of the commutator?

A. 1. Certainly, you may use your generator to supply the current in the plate circuit of an undampt wave transmitter, but we do not believe the commutator has enough segments to give very good results for radiophone work.

Q. 2. Can the current be smoothed out so as to be suitable for that purpose?

A. 2. You can try two choke coils having an iron core 5/8" in diameter and 3½" long, wound with two pounds of No. 26 double cotton covered wire and shunted by two, 1 microfarad fixed condensers for the purpose.

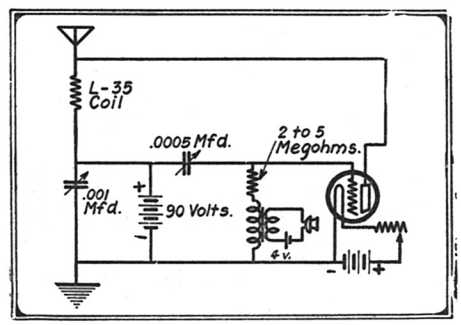
REDUCING NATURAL PERIOD OF AN AERIAL

(120) Mr. Clyde Stine, Eureka, Cal., wants to know:

Q. 1. In how many ways can the natural wavelength of an aerial be shortened

A. 1. To shorten the natural wavelength of an aerial you can reduce the length of the wire or the number of wires, if it is a multiple wire aerial. Another convenient way is to insert in series with the aerial one or several condensers, the proper amount to be found by experiment with a wave meter.

Q. 2. If so, how much may it be shortened?



Q. 117. Single V.T. Phone Circuit for Amateur Experimental Work.

A. 2. It would not be advisable to shorten the natural wavelength of an aerial more than about 1/5 of its size for short waves and about 1/10 for long waves.

Q. 3. Is there any limit to the length or shortness of waves which an audion may detect or amplify?

A. 3. Yes, the shortness of wavelength that an audion can detect is limited by the value of inductance and capacity of the circuit. Practical audion circuits have been designed to operate on wavelengths as low as 25 meters and in some cases lower.

PARAGON CIRCUIT

(121) Francis S. Williams, Hornell, N. Y., asks:

Q. 1. What is the hook-up for the so-called Paragon receiver?

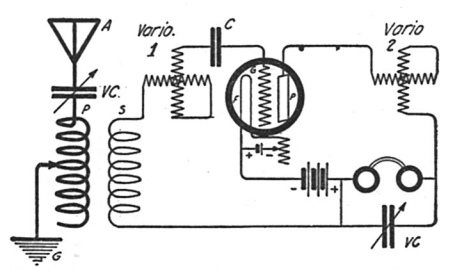
A. 1. You will find a general hook-up of the Paragon receiver on this page.

A 20,000 METER RECEIVER

(122) Mr. Latham Arnot, North Sidney, N. S. W., Australia, asks:

Q. 1. What are the details for the construction of a loose coupler for 20,000 meters?

A. 1. You will find in this issue under the title of "Effective 150-20,000 Meter Reception," information on the construction of such a receiver.



Q. 121. One Form of the Paragon Circuit.

ONE WIRE AERIALS

(123) Mr. James Dibler, Detroit, Mich., asks:

Q. 1. How high and how long should one wire be, to receive messages within a fair radius, effectively?

A. 1. Very good results can be obtained with a single wire aerial about 300 feet long and 50 feet high, or 425 feet long and 12 feet high. Very interesting experiments have also been carried out with long insulated wires simply lying on the ground.

Q. 2. Can honeycomb coils be used as a tuner to receive with a detector efficiently?

A. 2. The honeycomb or duo-lateral coils are the last word in inductance and you will obtain excellent results by the use of these bank wound coils.

BEGINNERS' BOOKS ON RADIO APPARATUS

(124) Mr. William M. Edwards, Johnstown, Pa., asks:

Q. 1. Can you tell me if there is an inexpensive book published telling how to make sending and receiving apparatus?

A. 1. Yes, the Experimenter Publishing Co., New York, has published two books on this subject, "How to Make Wireless Receiving Apparatus," and "How to Make Wireless Transmitting Apparatus." Price 35c. each.

REPAIRING VACUUM TUBES

(125) Mr. Milton Rose, Salisbury, N. C., asks:

Q. 1. Is there a firm repairing broken vacuum tubes?

A. 1. We suggest that you write to the Vacuum Tube Repair Co., 511 Perry Bldg Oakland, Cal.

REGISTERING RADIO MESSAGES

(126) Mr. Fred Williams, of Chicago, Ill., asks:

Q. 1. Is there an instrument which when connected to the receiving circuit will register the signals received?

A. 1. It is now possible to register the signals received by radio, by means of an amplifier and a sensitive relay, or with a loud talker which amplifies the sounds to such a volume that it is possible to record them on a phonograph record.

Q. 2. Where can such instruments be purchased?

A. 2. We suggest that you write to the Magnavox Co., 2701 E. 14th Street, Oakland, Cal.

ELECTION RETURNS BROADCAST

(127) Mr. Chas. O. Francis, Monongahela City, Pa., asks:

Q. 1. Will election returns be sent out by radio telegraph or radio phone?

A. 1. Election returns will be broadcasted on each hour until midnight, November 2nd, at noon and 10 P. M., November 3d, 75th meridian time from Annapolis on 17,000 meters and from Arlington on 25,000 meters sparks. It will also be sent on fleet schedules. New York broadcasts on 9 P. M., on 3 A. M. 1,600 meters.

Another Fool Idea That Works

By ROBT. SELDEN ROSE

MY small boy has been taking the *Experimenter* and RADIO NEWS for some time and I bought him a receiving outfit which he promptly neglected to use as soon as the novelty wore off and of course the old man had to show him the possibilities of the outfit. The only help I had was from the back numbers of magazines and a fair grounding in electrical principles that every mining engineer is supposed to have.

Mr. Gernsback's editorials have been the direct incentive for some of my foolish experiments, for I recognized the fact that he is a man of imagination and my success in life has been due to trying to do that which the conservative said was impossible.

The enclosed sketch shows the details of my latest attempt at the apparently impossible *and it certainly brings results.*

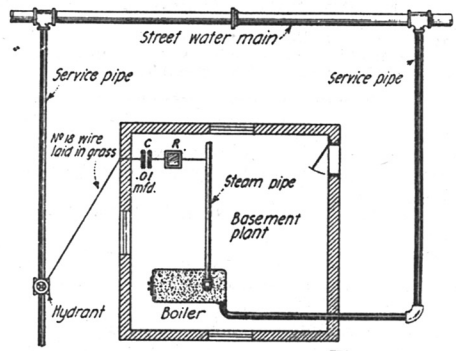
My regular antenna is 180 feet long, V shape, 40 feet above the ground and 140 feet above Lake Superior. My receiver is direct coupled with one step of amplification. The telephones are Murdock 3000 ohms.

I have been greatly troubled with induction noises, discharge of power lines and intermittent interference from the welding of street railway bonding which has been going on for some time.

The following are the results from the use of the underground loop.

Induction efforts are absolutely eliminated. These while not very bad were enough to drown out very weak signals.

Street railway welding somewhat lessened, but this may be more apparent than real, owing to great increase in signal strength.



Say, Fellers, What Do You Think of this Underground Loop? A New Use for the Underground Pipes.

Signal strength increase is about equal to one step of amplification. Sayville, on antenna, is heard one foot from the phones. On the underground loop can be heard 20 feet away. Could never get time from Pearl Harbor on antenna although could sometimes copy late at night. On loop have received the time whenever tried and can copy in daytime under favorable conditions. Can copy XDA any evening and sometimes without feedback. Always take NAA on straight spark, at night. Time from NAA, NSS, NAR, NBA, NAJ, NPM, NPL, NPG. Hear a faint spark station at 2800 meters, think may be Poldhu. Have identified nearly all the European stations and copy most all.

Am not sure of effect on static except that with loop and antenna hooked up together the static is increased with no increase in signal strength. Copied all the World Series broadcast from NAA, some days through bad street car welding interference and heavy static, thunder rumbling in the distance. Local static seems to be eliminated to some extent. Distant static very litle.

Data on loop condenser. For wavelengths for 5,000 to 20,000, .010 m.f.

For wavelengths from 1,200 to 5,000, .0015 m.f.

For wavelengths from 600 to 1,200, .0005 m.f.

The more capacity in loop condenser the louder the signals, for that reason is not very satisfactory on short wavelengths, but may work out better on inductive coupling. Am also experimenting with sending buzzer sigs on this loop.

$100 "PORTABLE RADIO" PRIZE CONTEST

WE again make the announcement of the third $100 prize contest entitled "Smallest Portable Radio Outfit."

A great many amateurs,—if not the majority,—are intensely interested in a small portable outfit that can be taken about when visiting friends, when going away for week-end parties, for camping and a great many other purposes. Particularly during the summer and fall a good portable receiving outfit is greatly desired and highly prized, as we have been able to satisfy ourselves from experience.

With modern radio apparatus, properly put together, it is possible to receive messages over surprising distances, even with small, but compactly built, apparatus, and there is no reason why our amateurs should not be able to turn out something really worth while. In awarding prizes the judges will take into consideration *not only the smallness of the outfit, but its efficiency as well.* In other words, the first prize will not necessarily go to the amateur who builds the smallest outfit, but rather to the one who builds a small one that is efficient as well. Of course the word "small" as used here is rather elastic. In other words, the outfit which can be slipt into the pocket might be a smaller one, no larger than an ordinary watch! But, bear in mind, what we are after is not a freak outfit. A microscopic radio receiving outfit could no noubt be built, but we daresay, it would not be very efficient. We have recently seen a European outfit that was quite complete and could be carried around in a walking cane, and this was not a bad idea at all; besides it worked well. This may be a hint for some of our radio enthusiasts.

Requirements of the Outfit

THE outfit must have means for tuning. It may have one or more detectors. It should have means for receiving messages by sound, which may be the usual set of telephone receivers *or something better.*

There must, of course, be also an aerial of some sort as well as a "ground" or ground connection. Due to the very nature of the contest, it is of course necessary that the aerial be such that it will not take up too much room nominally. Concentrated aerials of the loop type can be used, or any other contrivance that takes up a minimum space, but gives quite a good capacity when unfolded or extended.

Remember that the editors are not looking for freaks. *The outfit must work* and in order to prove it, the contestant must build it, for no entry will be considered, ulness it is accompanied by a photograph of the actual outfit.

In publishing the various ideas, all the rights revert to the publishers. The latter also reserve themselves the right to publish manuscripts which were sent in to this contest, altho they are not prize winning articles. In that case full space rates will be paid for any manuscript publisht that did not win a prize.

PRIZES OF $100 IN GOLD

First Prize	$50.00
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Third Prize	15.00
Fourth Prize	10.00

As will be noted, the publishers offer prizes totaling $100.00 *in gold for the best article on the smallest practical and efficient radio telegraph or telephone receiving outfits.*

Several radio experts will act as judges in this contest. Every one of the judges will pass upon the manuscripts submitted, and there can be little doubt that all contestants will be treated fairly and impartially. From the very nature of the contest, we are certain that it will not only bring out the very best there is in the American amateur, but that it will advance the art for portable radio receiving outfits considerably.

Rules for the Prize Contest

THE set to be descrbied may be of the usual receiving type. Vacuum tube type, or crystal detectors may be used at option of builder.

There should be some new features embodied in the outfit that are not known now, or have not been publisht heretofore. It is quite important, and as a matter of fact necessary that the set must have been actually built, that it is either in use, or has been in use. Wild "ideas" or patent descriptions are strictly excluded from this contest. It is also obvious that insofar as this contest is conducted chiefly to bring out NEW ideas, commercial radio outfits are excluded from this contest. It is necessary to state what instruments are used, and if some of the instruments have been bought, the make must be stated. A good diagram of the connections neatly executed in ink is to be furnished. A good photograph, not smaller than 5x7 inches giving at least two views of the set is necessary. A photograph of the builder is also required.

All photographs, diagrams and other data sent in by contestants which are not used will be returned at our cost.

In cases where there seems to be some doubt as to the practicability of the instrument we reserve the right to ask to inspect and test the set; insured parcel post charges at our own expense both ways. Of course, we shall return the instrument promptly. This, however, will not be requested if the photographs and descriptions are convincing.

More than one outfit may be entered by contestants. The contest is open to everyone, radio clubs included, except manufacturers.

The manuscripts should not be longer than 1,500 words; 1,000 words preferred. prizes will be paid upon publication.

The Contest closes in New York November 15th, and the first prize winning article will appear in the December, 1920, issue. Address all manuscripts, photos, etc., to "Editor Portable Radio Prize Contest," care of this publication.

A New Variable Condenser

THIS new product, a departure in former methods of condenser construction, of a Connecticut laboratory is a distinct improvement over the conventional instrument which is known as the rotary condenser, an instrument which is still in common use altho it differs in no way from the type originally employed when resonance circuits were first used.

The outstanding features of the new variable condenser are its compactness, which makes it a far more convenient instrument; its stability, which permits of securing adjustments, once obtained, from purely mechanical fluctuations; and its simplicity of design. Every essential requirement of a variable condenser has been fully met, and met in the least complex possible way. The result demonstrates the familiar saying that the "simplest way is the best way." For this new condenser is not merely more convenient and more stable; but it is far more sensitive, capable of much finer adjustments, permits a stronger signal, and establishes readings at both ends of the scale.

How these results are obtained is explained in the following manner which take up first the construction, then discussion of the operation, and the scientific reasons for the results obtained.

CONSTRUCTION.

Figure 1 illustrates the construction of the condenser. It consists essentially of two plates, B and D. B is fixed, and not only forms one plate of the condenser, but at the same time is a support for the entire unit. The plate D is free to move to and from B. The surface of B is covered by a thin washer of mica C, and the plate D has secured to its underside a block of insulating material which supports the guide rod and the screw. This guide is slotted at either end and passes over pins. This latter arrangement prevents the plate D from rotating when the nut is screwed down upon the shaft. A spring placed upon the screw operates to open the plates when the nut is unscrewed on the shaft. The variation of capacity, then, is obtained by merely screwing the nut upwards and downwards upon the shaft, which moves the plate D to and from B. The thread on this shaft is selected, however, so that the entire range of capacity is secured by one turn of the nut, altho the scale may be loosened and secured in some other preferred position.

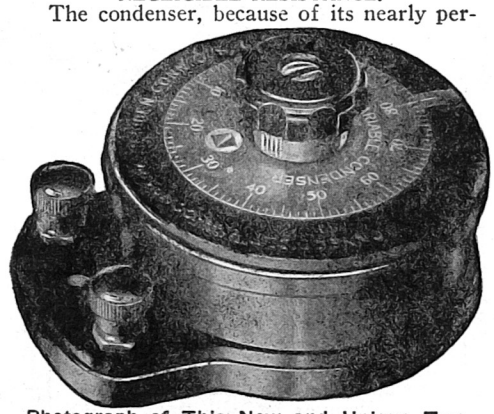
COMPACTNESS.

This variable condenser is small, and compact, compared to some of the rather clumsy rotary type. The advantage of the small size on an instrument board is obvious.

The outside measurements of the condenser are 2⅞" in diameter and 1⅜" in height to the dial plate. The required capacity is obtained within this small volume by using an extremely thin dielectric. With the ordinary rotary variable condenser consisting of several sets of intermeshing plates, the capacity seldom exceeds 700 micro farads. This same capacity is given in the condenser by two pieces of metal, each having an area of .17 square centimeters and separated by a sheet of mica .0012 centimeters (.0005") thick, assuming a dielectric constant of 6 for the mica. The rotary condenser would require a far greater area of conducting surfaces than this because the thickness of the dielectric, or the air space between the inter-meshing plates, must be sufficient to insure freedom from short circuits between opposite plates. The condenser as was seen in Fig. 1, utilizes only two conducting surfaces, one of which is movable to and from the other, when close together by a thin disc of mica. but without rotation, and separated from each other when close together by a thin disc of mica.

NEGLIGIBLE RESISTANCE.

The condenser, because of its nearly perfect dielectric and high insulating qualities, has an effective resistance of only a few tenths of an ohm. This is considerably lower than any other variable condenser now in use. High condenser resistance means a decrease, to a considerable degree, in the selectivity of the entire receiving circuit upon which it is used; and also a decrease of a great many times in the strength of signal received on the circuit.



Photograph of This New and Unique Two-Plate Condenser.

In an alternating current circuit any condenser behaves as if it had a resistance in series with it. This imaginary resistance is commonly called the "effective resistance" of the condenser, and increases with the frequency of the alternating current. The magnitude of this effective resistance at any definite frequency depends upon several factors, but principally upon absorption in the insulating materials used in the construction of the condenser. Results of laboratory tests of the commercial type of variable condenser showed that their effective resistance varied between two and fifteen ohms. In the condenser with an effective resistance of about fifteen ohms, the signal strength on short waves would be less than one-tenth that which would have been received if a condenser with a resistance of 9.2 ohm had been employed.

EXTREME CAPACITIES OBTAINABLE.

The design of the condenser allows a very high capacity at the upper end of the scale, and a correspondingly low capacity at the lower end. This capacity being distributed over a scale length of 360 degrees (one complete turn of the dial), as opposed to 180 degrees (or one-half turn of the dial) with the rotary types, has a smooth variation to the extreme end of the scale, a property which obviously cannot be shared by any rotary type condenser. This great range of capacity variation is due almost entirely to the mica washer when the plates are close together, and to the fact that its presence, when the plates are considerably separated, hardly affects the capacity. (The capacity will be inversely equal to $\frac{M}{K} + A$, where M equals the thickness of the mica, K the dielectric constant of the mica, and A the distance from the outer surface of the mica to the movable plate.)

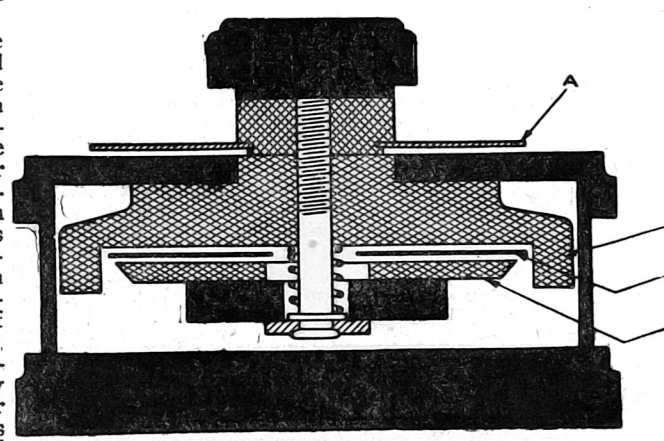


Fig. 1. This Illustration Shows the Internal Construction of the Condenser Which Consists of But Two Plates as Compared to the Familiar Multiplate Instruments of Similar Capacities.

HARMONICS OF WAVELENGTH

A simple radio circuit has a reactance equal to zero at a single frequency, namely, the resonance frequency, and the maximum current possible with the given unit will then flow. This result is strictly true only when the capacitance and inductance are concentrated at definite points of the circuit. In an antenna, however, the inductance and capacitance are distributed, and it is found that a maximum of current is obtained for a whole series of different frequencies or wavelengths.

What is called the "fundamental frequency" is the lowest frequency for which the current attains a maximum, when not loaded with either capacitance or inductance. Denoting this by f, there are in the same antenna other resonance frequencies, 3f, 5f, 7f, etc., called the "harmonic frequencies" of the antenna. With the usual methods of producing current in an antenna it radiates principally waves of its fundamental frequency alone; free oscillations of the harmonic wavelengths are almost entirely lacking. However, when emfs. having the harmonic frequencies are applied, vigorous oscillations of those frequencies may be set up.

IMPEDANCE

The impedance of a telephone receiver to alternating current increases rapidly with frequency, and at radio frequency is so great as to permit practically no current to pass. By the use of detectors, however, the current that passes in the telephone consists of a series of pulses of audio frequency, usually from 500 to 1200 pulses or vibrations per second. A typical telephone receiver having a direct current impedance (resistance) of 200 ohms was found at 400 cycles per second to have an impedance of 2900 ohms, and at 800 cycles an impedance of 3900 ohms, rising to 4400 ohms at 1000 cycles per second.

BIDS ASKED FOR MEXICAN WIRELESS.

Particulars regarding proposed installation of new radio stations in Mexico at a cost of $250,000 United States currency have been forwarded by Trade Commissioner Cunningham to the Department of Commerce, who states that bids from American companies for immediate equipment of this service are directed by the Director of Telegraphs of Mexico.

Radio stations of the following three kinds are to be installed in different parts of the Republic:

Those capable of communicating with the capital, equipt with instruments of 10 kilowatts, those equipt with instruments of five kilowatts, and those equipt with instruments of two kilowatts.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM READERS

CONCERNING OUR COVER ILLUSTRATIONS

Editor of RADIO NEWS:

In regard to your very excellent radio paper, why do you persistently offend our artistic sense with those outrageous cover pictures? When we buy a radio paper we are justified in expecting a collection of coldly scientific material, with an admissible human touch here and there, but why then inject the ridiculous? My comment upon the cover pictures is not in the nature of criticism of the artist, Mr. Howard Brown, for he is simply satisfying his customer, but rather an expression of bewilderment, and amazement that a paper of such genuine technical worth should admit such poor taste. Regarding the September issue: If the girl wants to learn radio, by all means let her, but in the name of the art why confuse oscillation and osculation? Frankly, I have heard radiomen express absolute disgust with such matter, and they have ceased taking the paper. I should suggest photographs of a RADIO interest for your cover pieces.

J. F. MAHER, Radio Instructor,
Knights of Columbus School,
Savannah, Ga.

[*Every month we receive hundreds of letters, some bouquets, some brick-bats. Being of a modest trend of mind, we think it more advisable once in a while to print the brick-bats. As an answer to the above we might say:*

When Mr. H. Gernsback first established the magazine he had an idea that radio was too technical and too unpopular a matter. He thought it would help the new art, and that it could not hurt it, if a little human interest was injected into a comparatively dry subject. As our readers probably have noticed, we print a purely technical cover one month and alternate it with a human interest cover. The underlying idea is to attract people, who would otherwise never come within the folds of radio, to at least pick up a copy of the magazine and leaf it over.

We know from experience that, due to our covers, we have made many thousands of new readers, not only boys, but men in all walks of life, who would perhaps not have come into the radio game otherwise. The very fact that RADIO NEWS *has a circulation of close to* 50,000 *copies today, which is at least four times as large as its nearest competitor, shows that the principle is right. Of course, a cover alone does not make a magazine any more than a swallow makes the summer, and if the inside of the magazine were not of the very best, we naturally could not keep our readers.*

In closing, we might say that not everybody wants to read dry matter all the time, and radio at best is rather dry. So anything that livens it up, we think, will help the game along, and if we only attract ten thousand new readers a year by this method, we think we have accomplisht our mission. Then too

A little nonsense now and then
Is e'en enjoyed by radio men.

We shall be glad to hear from our readers more along this subject, and will be glad to publish their letters from time to time.]

RADIOPHONE DATA WANTED

Editor of RADIO NEWS:

Your "Radio Concerts" in the September RADIO NEWS brings to mind something I have long been intending to say, as I think it applys to at least 75% of the radio amateurs.

I agree with you in every respect that radio telephony is THE thing and that the present spark system will soon find its way to the museum shelves.

There is one question which you must ask yourself a hundred times a day. And that is: "I write about radio 'phones and offer prizes and publish articles, and yet why is it that there are so few radio telephones?"

Let me state my case and perhaps this will help you answer the burning question of the hour. I have a one-half kw. transmitting set using the spark system and am continually putting more money into it. when I have read articles on radio 'phone and *prefer* radio telephony to the telegraph method, yet I am not doing anything with it. The reason is simple.

There has not been enough written about BUILDING 'phone sets for me to form any plans. I can get fine hookups from Mr. Goldsmith's book and I can read about the results but I can't do anything because I have not found another amateur who has the specifications for the set I want to make. It is not that I want to build a wonderful set or anything like that, but that dozen or so articles I have been able to lay hands on I have not found what I or a hundred other fellows want.

The only remedy is to read a few good articles written by fellows who have actually built sets and used them long enough to realize what we don't know, so that he can write it up.

We don't want a photo of what it will look like so much as we want hookups, specifications, and last but not least explanations and hints on building it.

As an example I am sure that a number of fellows would pay a dollar a copy for any issue that told them the exact directions and specifications for building a set with about three or four bulbs, a buzzer, an induction coil and a number of switches so that the set could be used for radio 'phone, radio telegraph and receiving, usin the same bulbs Think it over and see if you don't agree with me.

Don't think I am ignorant of all you have done to help the unappreciative radio fraternity with radio telephony, for I have read your many articles helping and encouraging amateurs to make sets and send you a little article for which you will sign a check.

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What Have You to Say?

THE year is almost up and November brings fitful weather. The air is tart and pungent with the odor of nuts, red apples and leaves. We realize the summer is gone and we are making ready for those crispy winter nights when General Static has decamped for other climes.

THIS winter should see some marked improvements within the amateur station. At present, the amateur is planning as to just what changes he will make in his transmission and reception. Judging from past performances, it would seem that transmitter improvement will be *the thing* this winter. Many of us are equippt with efficient receiving units making possible top notch amplification.

HOW about a more general aplication of C. W. transmission? It is true that excellent work has been and is being done along this line, but there remains a great horde of amateurs who do not seem to have much faith in it.

JUST think of it! An oscillating vacuum tube circuit of proper constants and a high frequency buzzer to "chop up" the emitted continuous waves and you are at once on a plane with the more advanced experimenter. Not only that, but you secure better distance, a smaller expenditure of electrical power and the set is practically silent, compact and highly efficient.

FOR a given power a vacuum tube transmitting set gives something like 2½ times the range of a spark set. The tuning is also very much sharper providing of course the set is properly designed; consequently interference with other stations is greatly reduced.

THE editors of RADIO NEWS would like to hear from amateurs who have experimented with C. W. transmission and are particularly anxious to know of the success obtained as to distances, power used, etc. Better yet, let us have complete descriptions and data and if possible clear photographs of the units. You shall be paid for this material and at the same time you will be doing your fellow amateurs a good turn by giving us an opportunity to publish the information.

BOYS, GET THIS!

Editor of RADIO NEWS:

I have noticed with interest your editorial in the September issue of the RADIO NEWS entitled "Radio Concerts" and am sorry that rush or direct commercial work has prevented our posting you sooner on things which have been done in San Francisco.

You mentioned a concert inaugurated by the daily mail in London in conjunction with Madam Nellie Melba, transmitting voice and music which in some instances was heard over 1,000 miles away.

You mention later on a presidential candidate being invited to make a speech via radio and suggest the idea of broad-casting music from famous band masters.

Far be it from our desires to in any way detract from the remarkable results of the *Daily Mail's* efforts, but allow us to state that we have not only antidated but have more than paralleled the results you have set forth; likewise have been rendering effective the suggestions above cited for a period of over six months back.

The California Theatre, located at Fourth and Market Streets, San Francisco, is probably the largest and best equipped motion picture house on the coast and compares favorably with the Rialto, Capitol and other prominent theatres in New York which your readers are perhaps more familiar.

A De Forest oscillion radiophone transmitter has been installed in the California Theatre for over six months with the antenna strung to the top of the tower of the adjacent Humbolt Bank Building, and the music from the fifty-piece California Theatre orchestra, conducted by Mr. Herman Heller, likewise organ music by the famous C. Sharp Minor, has been broadcasted by radiophone every afternoon and every evening.

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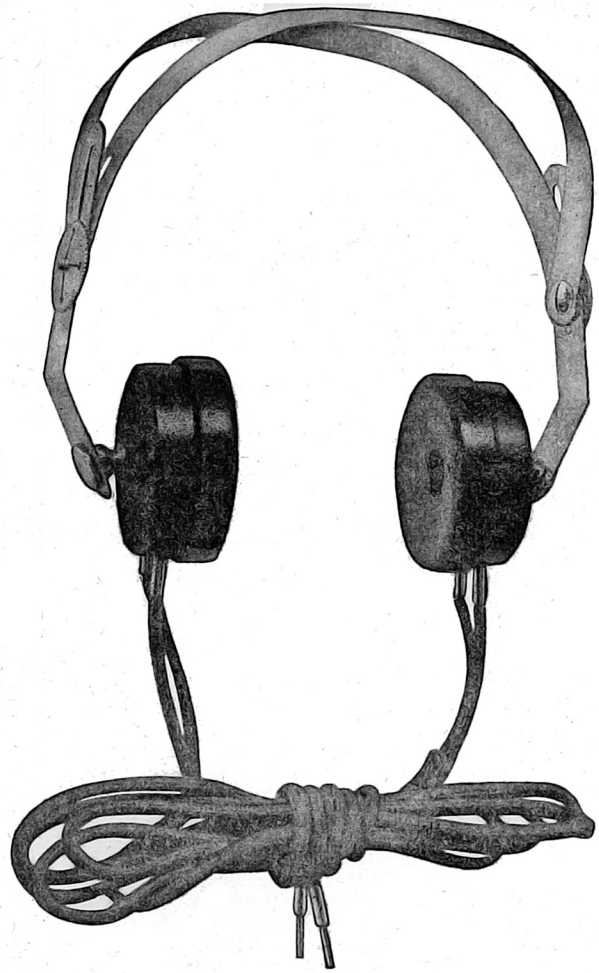

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What are You Going to Do About It?

Do not Read This Unless You Have the Uplift of Professional Radio at Heart

By ARTHUR H. LYNCH

WE all know that it is not so many years ago when a fellow could go to sea without any license and most of us remember the ups and downs of the old days, when it was very problematical whether or not there would be any salary forthcoming at the end of our voyage. It is a hard thing to say whether or not the company which employed us at that time committed financial suicide, but at any rate, they are no longer in business, and it is our desire to know just where we stand under the present scheme of things.

It may be well to pause for a minute to look over just what we have in the line of security and from that draw some sort of plan for what we must have in the future if Radio is going to hold anything for us and for the steamship companies for whom we are supposed to work.

Let us first take into consideration the "Certificate of Skill" which was issued for a period of about one year prior to the adoption by the Department of Commerce of the present system of licensing. The examination a man had to go thru for a "Certificate of Skill" really examined him for that skill. It generally took several days to complete it and it covered the whole field as the field was in those days. Unless a fellow could really hook up and operate a station he could not get thru. In addition to the ordinary handling of the various systems upon which a man's worth was judged there were times when the examiners put in a few little kinks of their own to help the thing along, such as breaking the telephone leads, short-circuiting the receiving coil and supplying fake fuses. Needless to say, unless a man was on the job he flunked.

Frankly and truthfully, how many of the present-day professionals could pass such an examination today? From what I have seen of the game, there are very few in comparison to the number of men holding licenses. Fellows, it is up to us to get wise to ourselves. It is true that this will meet with disfavor by some who, by the grace of God and a favorable wind sailed thru the examinations during the war and landed licenses and know deep down in their hearts that they don't even know the difference between a dynamo and a motor. And let me say right here that there are a great many men of this type sailing the seven seas. If this business is to be worthwhile, it is necessary for us to do everything in our power to make it so, and the first thing we have to do is to make sure that we are handling our traffic in a manner which will make it easy for every one else to work. Just to cite an instance of what I mean, let me enumerate what happened on the afternoon of Sunday, August 1st, right in New York harbor, where we should expect to find the best of operating conditions. A tank steamer was called by one of the local stations and replied to the call and was copying some instructions from the land station when another land station opened up and called him (the tanker). The second land station's spark must have been the louder and it was to this station that the tanker answered. From the method of calling and the formation of his characters it was evident that the tank man was new at the game, but the land station shot a rather long message thru to him at not less than twenty-five, and nearer twenty-eight, words a minute. The usual "2RM" was the reply.. After calling the tanker *eleven times* and signing off *seven times* (by actual count), the land station went ahead again, with the same luck. He went at it the third time, after calling as many times as before and throwing in a few extra signals and shot the message the third time, when lo and behold he was finally given an "O.K." There is no way of my checking it up, but I'd bet a red apple the fellow on the tanker made a pretty mess of that message.

All those long calls could have been elimimated if the man at the coast station had had sense enough to realize that he could have permitted the man on the tanker to make a perfect copy if he had cut down on his speed and given the fellow a chance, but he was evidently a "high speed" artist and his sending was not really bad. This happened about four o'clock in the afternoon and I hope the fellow will have the good fortune to read this and be guided accordingly. The fellow on the tank was obviously not very clever at receiving, but he knew the proper method of procedure, and USED IT, while the other man probably knew it but thought it was intended for the "lids." He, of the two, was the greater lid. Alas! this sort of thing is going on all the time.

Just let us take a look at the list of licenses, as they are today.

From a perusal of these it will be seen that the only one which requires a man to have had any previous knowledge and service of Radio is the Commercial (Extra First) License. This brings about a condition with which we are all but too familiar, namely: the man just coming out of school and who skids thru the superficial present-day examination is qualified in the eyes of the law to hold any Radio position he can force himself into. This is a serious matter which has evidently past most of us as something which was entirely necessary and which could not be changed. Such is not the case.

When a delegation of Association men placed the matter before the Department of Commerce at the recent conference in Washington, they were advised to draw up what they thought to be an equitable system of license graduation and every effort is now being bent in that direction, with the assurance of the Department that it will do everything in its power to change present conditions.

If the installations over which we have charge are to deliver the goods we have to know how to manipulate them properly. If the installations don't deliver the goods it is a pretty certain fact that our profession will never get the recognition it should. Provided with good sets, such as we find on most of the ships at present, there is no reason why traffic should not be handled a great deal better than it is at present.

Granting that the present method of granting licenses is far from being what it should be, the only way for a revised system to be of any use is in conjunction with the grading of the stations upon which future licenses will be valid. The trouble is not so much the grading of licenses as it is the grading of the ships and coast stations. Under the present conditions it is possible for a man just breaking into the game to be placed on a ship as senior to a man holding an Extra First Grade License, which is obviously unfair.

We can not expect our employers to favor salary increases when they can point to us as a whole and tell us we are not capable of carrying out our jobs properly. If a man is not capable of carrying out traffic in the proper manner and is not familiar with the adjustment and maintenance of his equip-

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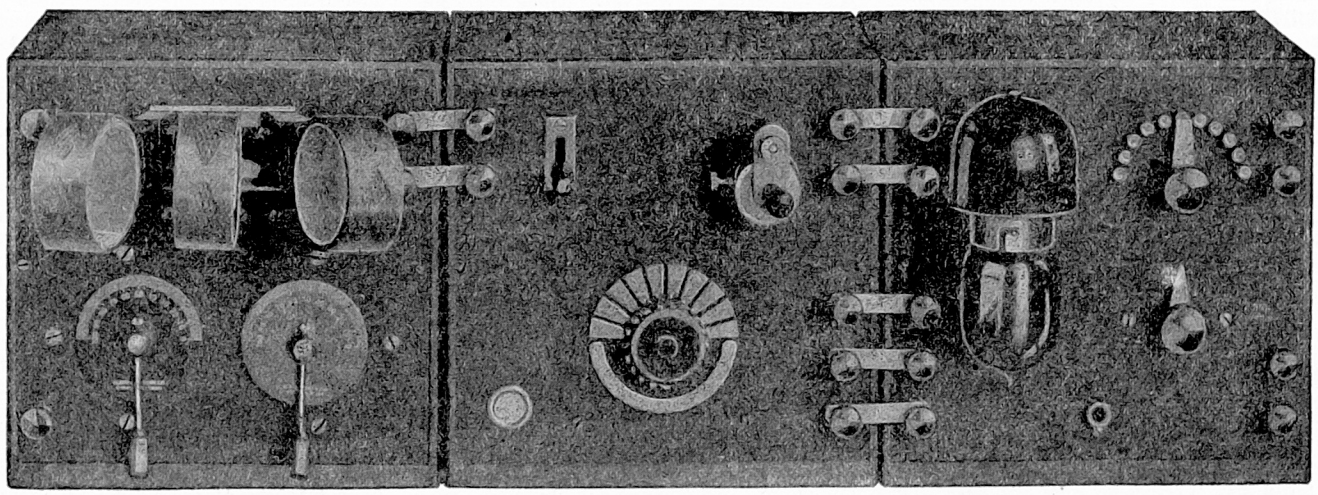

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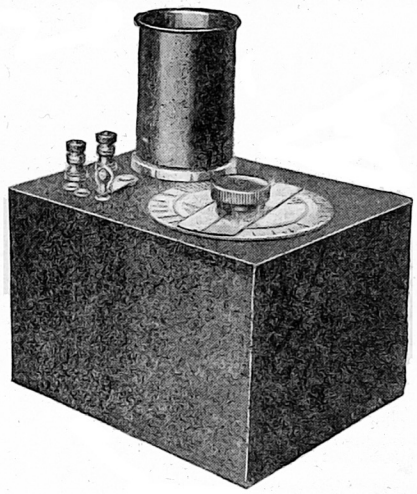

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The History of the Honeycomb Coil

By ROBERT F. GOWEN *

Editor's Note: Since many previous articles in radio publications credit Mr. Gowen with the invention of this new and revolutionary type of radio inductance, the author submits the following article in response to the many questions which have arisen in the minds of our readers since the publication of our article on the history of the Duolateral coil. This article appeared in our June issue, and in it Mr. Thomas Giblin of the Electrical Products Company claims priority of invention of the Honeycomb coil.

The development of the Honeycomb coil really dates back to the birth of the Unit Set, which idea came to me about the first of November, 1918, or two months before I asked Mr. Giblin, of Providence, R I., if he could wind the coils for me. In designing the Unit Set, it was necessary for me to use coils of the pancake type that could readily be interchanged and could be mounted in a flexible manner so that the coil mounting or "loose coupler" unit could be used with any one of the many other units embodied in the idea. It therefore occurred to me at this time that cross-wound self supporting coils (which were made by the Coto Coil Company of which Mr. Giblin was Manager), if expanded to provide air spaces between the turns, would be ideal for the purpose. This development would not only constitute coils of the mechanical design I needed, but would, no doubt, produce a coil of extremely low distributed capacity and other desirable characteristics.

This expansion of the cross-wound coil idea had been in my mind since the summer of 1917, at which time I mentioned it to several of my friends including Mr. Giblin. As it was impractical to wind large diameter expanded cross-wound coils in heavy Litz, I suggested to the latter gentleman the advisability of winding cross-wound coils of standard Navy 3-16-38 Litz for use as long wave radio frequency inductances. Previous to this time the cross-wound coil had never been used for radio purposes. They were made to be used as transformers and spark coil pies. The idea of winding radio frequency inductances in this way had never occurred to Mr. Giblin and the Coto Coil Company, as they had not entered the radio field in any way and were concentrating in making up quantities of their transformer "pies" for the Government.

Acting under my specification, Mr. Giblin therefore wound up some sample Navy Litz inductances for me with the result that the De Forest Company had the Coto Coil Company make up several hundred for use in some Navy long wave receivers the De Forest Company were building at that time. To my knowledge these were the first radio inductances that were ever wound by the Coto Coil Company. These receivers were reported to be the most successful the Navy had received and Mr. Giblin therefore advertised the cross-wound radio frequency inductances and thereafter sold quantities of them. This evidence is introduced to show that the Coto Coil Company and hence Mr. Giblin, who shaped its policy, were not interested in radio windings until after this time. It also shows that Mr. Giblin at that time and for some time thereafter did not appreciate the value of the cross wind as a means of diminishing distributed capacity in radio coils or otherwise he would no doubt have wound these radio frequency inductances of his own initiative. This is no reflection on Mr. Giblin, who has always been and still is a good friend of the writer's, since Mr. Giblin never has claimed to be a radio engineer who is interested in such problems. However, shortly after he was shown the value of cross-wound Litz coils, he erected a small amateur radio station at his home for the purpose of testing them out.

In November, 1918, I showed my idea for the Unit Set with the Honeycomb Coils, to a friend who heartily approved it and afterwards I took it to the De Forest Company, who refused to be interested. The matter was then dropped until in January, 1919, when the De Forest Company decided to enter the amateur field again, at which time my plans were approved, and I went to the Coto Coil Company, Providence to develop the coil for the Unit Set. I first had Mr. Giblin wind cross-wound coils of certain dimensions, of which I measured the inductances with a wavemeter I had brought with me. This preliminary work was done to ascertain roughly the inductance of this cross type of winding for a coil of the given mechanical dimensions and size of wire. From this data I was able to estimate roughly the number of turns that would be required in a Honeycomb type of winding for the same inductance. After these estimates had been made I asked Mr. Giblin if he could not change the cam on his machine to produce an open wind of the cross wind coils. He did not understand what I meant at first, but got my idea shortly and brought from a show case a coil wound exactly like a ball of Corticelli silk and about the same size and shape, asking me if that was what I meant. This is the coil referred to in a recent article as the "basket wound" coil which was made, it is claimed, when the machine was being developed to wind wire. Mr. Giblin told me that they had wound a number of the "basket wound" coils for a large concern who used them as resistance or heater coils, as the open winding caused good heat dissipation. I wish to point out here that these "basket wound" coils which are referred to also as "Honeycombs" are not and were not Honeycomb coils in any sense, since they were not designed and were never used for radio purposes. Moreover, they were of a very different shape mechanically so that as radio frequency inductances to be coupled together, they were entirely out of the question. The name "Honeycomb" coil is a trade name which was given to a *radio frequency type* of inductance and which was designed by me *specifically for radio purposes;* the first samples of which were made by Mr. Giblin on a machine of the Coto Coil Company.

I stayed with Mr. Giblin for two days working towards getting what I called a "true" Honeycomb wind. Mr. Giblin worked the machine and I measured the coils as he produced them and suggested changes in the mechanical wind. It was found comparatively easy to get the machine to produce coils of the Duo-Lateral type, but it took two full days before we were able to get the machine to deliver a true Honeycomb. Lack of time and apparatus prevented my ascertining the distributed capacity values of the coils at this time and hence the coils were not measured properly until my return to the De Forest Company. I knew at this time that the electrical constants of the Duo-Lateral coils would be as good as those of the true Honeycomb, since it was apparent that a distance equal to the diameter of the wire between turns was sufficient to give a minimum distributed capacity value.

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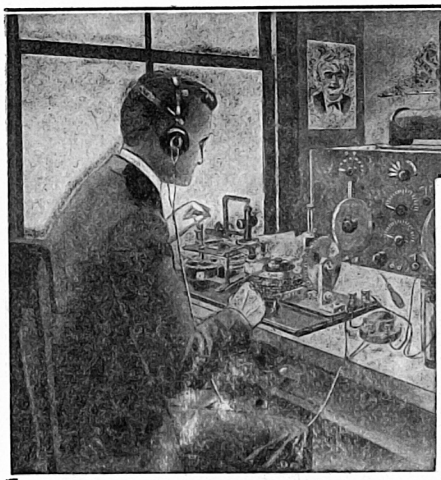

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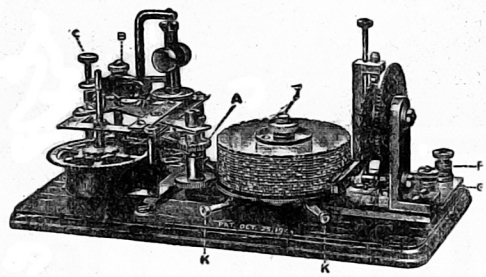

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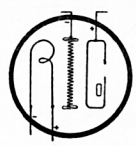
The Symbol  **Of Excellence**

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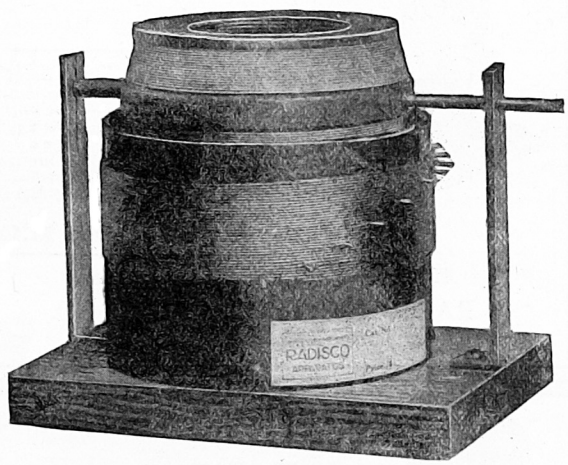

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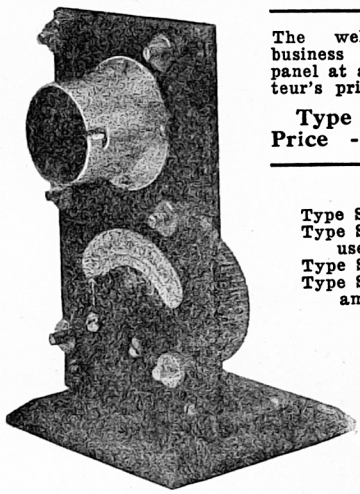

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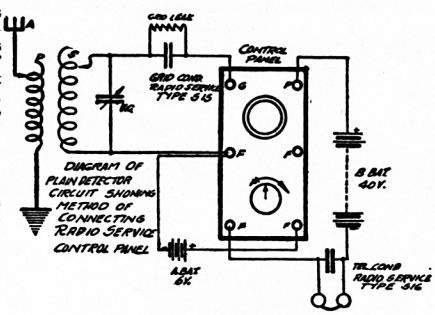

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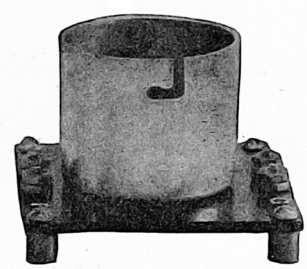

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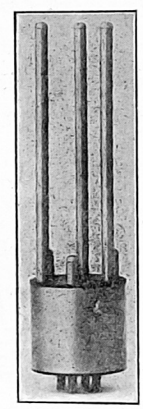

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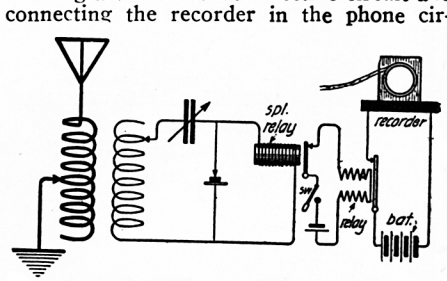

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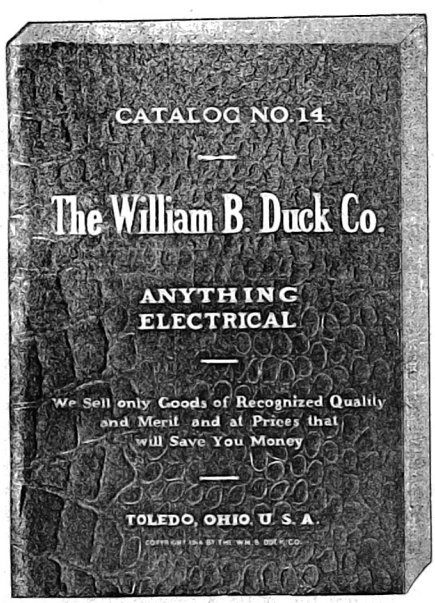

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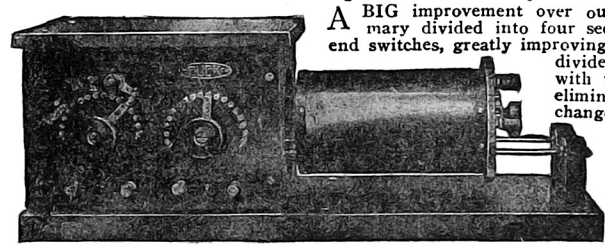

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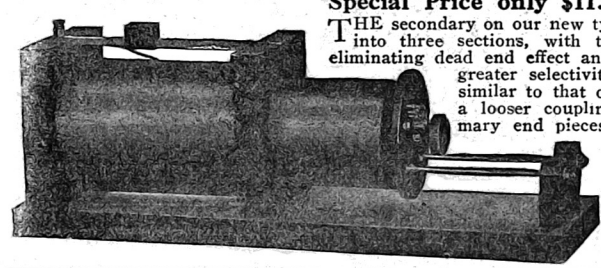

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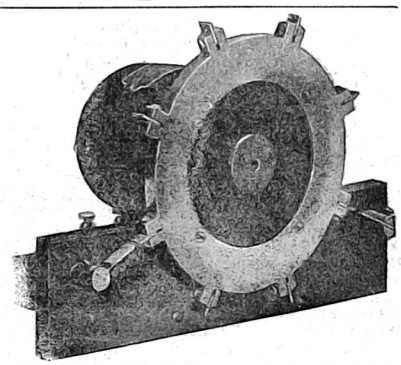

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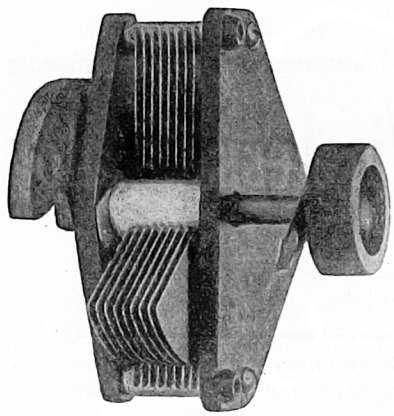

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GENERAL RADIO COMPASS ACTIVITIES

In the Bellini-Tossi type of radiogoniometer two loops at right angles to each other are connected to simultaneously tuned circuits which make up the primary of a loose-coupled device. The secondary, or detector circuit is pivotally mounted in such a way as to be acted upon by an equal amount of the primary circuits of both loops. The two antennae are affected proportionally as they point in the direction from which the waves are coming; the antenna which is in nearer a direct line being the one which secures the greatest amount of energy. With the active elements of the goniometric loose-coupler arranged at right angles to the exploring coil, which carries the winding of the secondary circuit, it may be seen that the loudest signal is received when the exploring coil is in the greatest *cumulative* magnetic field of the two primary circuits. With the goniometer properly arranged as regards its position relative to a magnetic compass the direction from which signals emanate may be determined, making allowance for the above mentioned error.

One disadvantage is the fact that the exploring coil will respond to two distinct maximum settings and ambiguity arises as to whether the signals are from any given direction or the direction exactly opposite. Knowledge of radio working and some idea of location soon enable the experienced observer to distinguish between the correct and the improper decision.

An outstanding feature to be considered in connection with the setting down for fact the degree of error in the above outlined set is that a possible slight error may have occurred in connection with the reports from the vessels from which reports were received and the checking made. It should be remembered that these tests were made with a carborundum detector. Greater distances may be covered with the vacuum tube and by reason of the fact that the V. T. is a far better rectifier than the crystal detector, it will allow much sharper tuning which will, of course, cut down error.

The above described type of goniometer was used on the S. S. *Comus* for a period of about six months. Following the end of the war Captain Maxson has been doing a little work with the newer type goniometer which use a single loop, pivotally mounted, for rotation throughout a complete circle. For guidance in the construction of this loop, which has been entirely made and installed by the Captain and his radio man, Mr. Paul Krieger, the findings of Mr. A. S. Blatterman, who has written copiously on the subject, were followed very closely and much assistance derived therefrom.

A loop about four feet in diameter, supported and wound as shown in the photographs, was mounted above the navigating bridge of the *Momus* and connected, in conjunction with suitable tuning apparatus, to a Grebe detector and two-stage audio frequency amplifier unit. A small house was built on the vessel's bridge and as far away as possible from any of the metal parts which would naturally be looked upon as trouble-makers. Means for the rotation of the loop were provided and inside the housing an arrow moved over a scale to show the exact position of the loop. In fact, the whole was just about what one would look for in a reliable radio compass station.

The results obtained were very disappointing. Some error was to be expected, but it was thought that by careful observa-

tion it could be plotted and accounted for in the reckonings. The error appeared, but it was so great and so inconstant as to render the device impractical. At times errors were detected as great as sixty degrees. Most accurate readings were obtained from stations ahead. The erro from stations astern was great and varied, though stern bearings were generally found more accurate than those from points off either beam. The plotting of a curve denoting the error from various angles was therefore abandoned.

Regardless of the disappointment this type of goniometer has been coupled with, it is believed to be amply justified for use on shipboard, when the possibility of using it in conjunction with saving distressed vessels is considered. Even though the readings were not positive, such a device would enable one steamer to find another in a fog. With any error less than ninety degrees it would be possible for the searching steamer to spiral in the direction of the one in need, and where it has been possible to turn the ship in the direction of th point from which the signals emanated a much smaller error was noted which would mean the more rapid location of the steamer sought. The same applies to the locating of a shore station. In any event, where there is the impending danger of running down the object sought, because of fog or similar reasons, it will be understood that the benefits to be derived from radio compass bearings will depend a grea deal upon the knowledge of the man making the observations.

With the V. T. the operation is a great deal more to be relied upon, and it is generally possible for an experienced man to tell approximately how far he is from a station, whereas with a crystal detector a radio man might think because the received signals were weak that he was receiving from a great distance, when the true reason for the weak signals was an improperl adjusted detector.

Captain Maxson's tests with both the systems mentioned cover a period of six months each. His opinion is that the Bellini-Tossi type is by far the most practical goniometer for *ship* use, as it does not seem to be so easily effected by irregularity of the conditions which obtain aflo Allowing for the improvement which could be made by the use of the V. T. in conjunction with amplifying circuits for covering greater distances, he is of the belief that the radiogoniometer would be of infinite value to all mariners and that its use would soon prove that the expenes involved was warranted. It is just another safety device which in addition to safeguarding life at sea, allows for better general navigation and therefore the operating of steamships on a much more accurate schedule.

DIRECTION INDICATOR

A device which has proved of great value in the making of the above described tests is shown in Fig. 1. A complete circle is marked off in degrees, on a round, flat piece of brass. A pivot (b) is placed in the center of the brass plate and forms the support for three radially moveable arms, (c), (d) and (e). Upon the arms (c) and (e), at points equidistant from the center pivot (b) are placed two other pivots, (f) and (g), respectively. The arm, (d), incorporates a long slot (i), through which moves the pivot, (h). Two additional arms, (i) and (k) extend between the points (f) and (h), and (g) and (h), respectively.

It will be seen from the drawing, that regardless ofthe distance either one of the arms (c) and (e) are made to rotate, the arm (d) will *always* be in the center. For rapid chart observations this device has proven invaluable.

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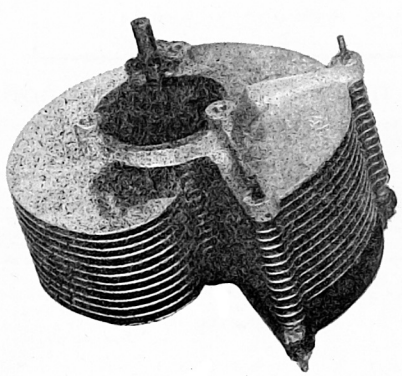

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Editor's Note: It is to be hoped that the excellent results secured by Captain Maxson will be brought to the attention of the other mariners who will at least inquire into the merits of the radio compass with a view to its more general use on boar ships. The United States Naval Radio Service is directly responsible for the great aid given to coastal navigation up to the present time and needless to say the radio compass or direction finder plays a most important role.

Enter the Radio Preacher

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and beat it for the Methodist Church a couple of blocks away; the preacher had just started his sermon, and strange to say his subject was "Home the Sweetest Place on Earth.". I tell you O.M. I just swallowed that sermon whole and after the service I went down front took the old preacher aside and told him my troubles. Well, we talked it over and then we went over to my mother-in-law's house, wife had not gone to bed yet. We had a little prayer together, and today we are all back in our little home again the three happiest kids you ever saw; and best of all radio did it. Well, I guess you had had enough of this, so C U L."

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In conclusion I want to say that I am not the only person who believes that radio —amateur radio, mind you—is far from having reached the limit of new and distinct uses. Preaching by radio is but one of the many things which the radiophone of the future will do.

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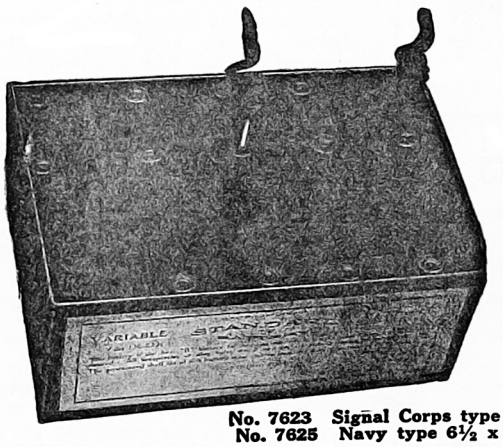

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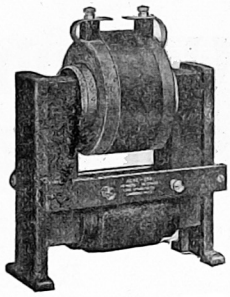

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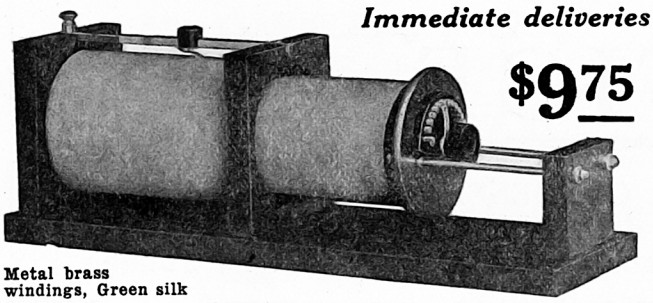

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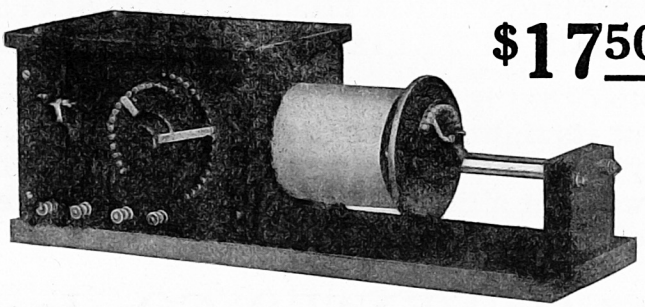

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A VT Radio Frequency Amplifier

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was about $21.00. Certainly, the amateur cannot hesitate at owning an amplifier at this low cost.

The drawing shows how this was accomplished. The amplifying transformers, mounted on their cast aluminum stands, are placed at right angles to each other, directly above the Paragon 6-ohm rheostats, and on either side, are placed the VT's and sockets. There is just enough room between the rheostats for the small two-point step control switch. All this can be placed in a cabinet 6" x 8" x 4", altho a larger cabinet with more spacing to the component parts would be advisable when the builder has had little experience in wiring, as only the professional radio mechanic can connect the parts of a very compact amplifier in a way so that adjacent leads will not cause local induction.

It is a sound plan for the amateur to begin now to become thoroly familiar with amplifiers in view of the increasing use of radiophones. Because of the low decrement of the tube transmitter, very sharp tuning must be done at the receiving station. Now with a regenerative circuit, the signal must first be tuned in before starting the regenerations, thereby decreasing the effective range to that of a simple audion circuit. Hence, it becomes obvious that an amplifier must be used to amplify the weak radiophone signal before the plate to grid amplification function is made use of. Another use, in which at least one stage of amplification is needed, is when receiving Rome and Lyons, etc., on a few turns of annunciator wire strung up in one's room. In short, the amplifier is here, and here to stay; so get used to it.

At present the writer is working on an amplifier which uses two tubes for amplification at radio frequencies, and after rectification, the same tubes are used as audio-frequency amplifiers, similar to the French amplifiers. If he arrives at anything worth mentioning RADIO NEWS readers will hear of it thru an article. In the meantime the writer invites correspondence with anyone who has done anything along these lines.

CONCERNING THE RADIO PHONE SET OF MORTON W. STERNS

Concerning the article upon the radiophone set of Morton W. Sterns, which appeared on page 137 of September RADIO NEWS, it was stated that Mr. Sterns had actually employed his set for the benefit of the Radio Club of Brooklyn, which was holding a dance in the heart of Brooklyn, that the music was received at the hall on an indoor loop in connection with amplifier and loud speaking telephone. Incidentally, it was also stated that the music heard at the hall was heard by everyone present, loud enough to dance by.

In some unfortunate way this was a misstatement, as we have been advised by one of the officers of the Radio Club of Brooklyn, that the experiment was not successful to the extent mentioned.

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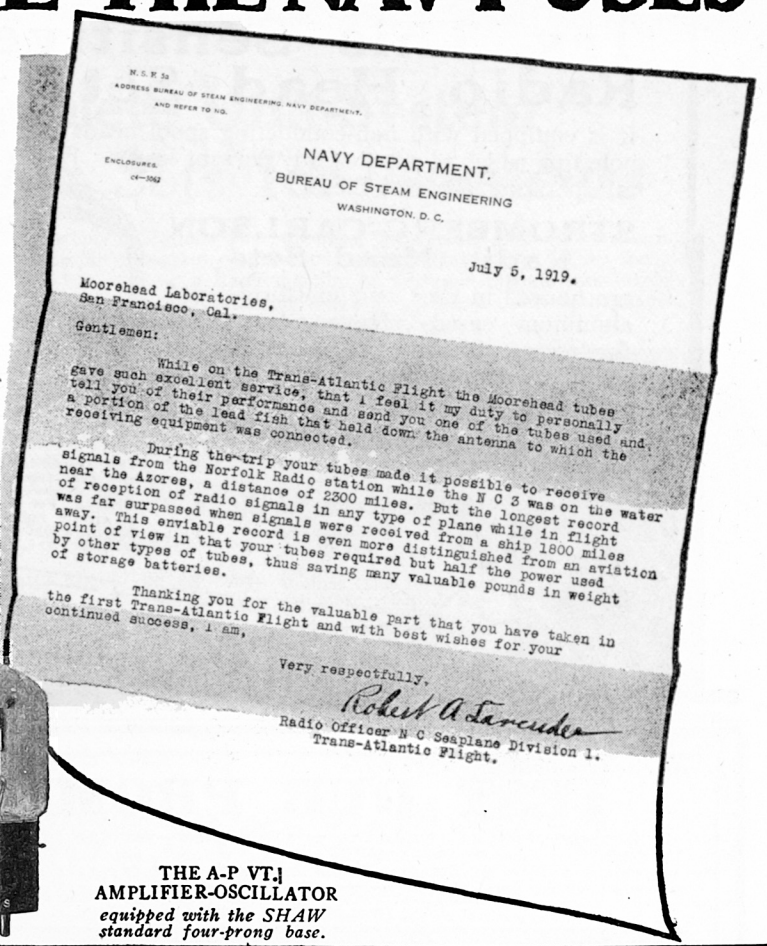

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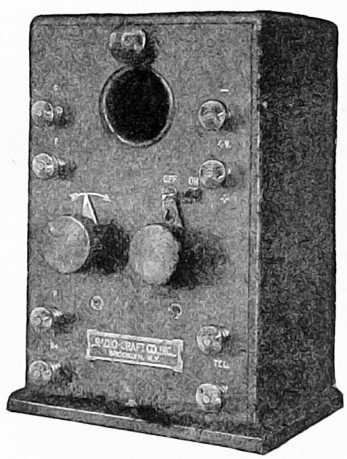

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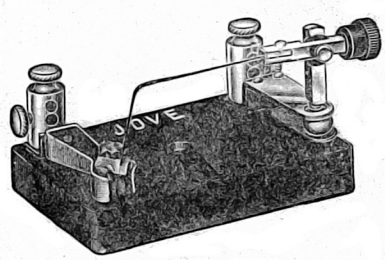

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the contact jacks. Five similar units are also used in the secondary system.

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It will be noticed that all tubes are controlled by a single rheostat, which is a most desirable method when the tubes employed are of the same make and type. For amplification, grid voltage is obtained through two Federal amplifying transformers.

Moorhead tubes function best with grid bias voltage placed at a value between 1 and 1.4 volts. On the first and second stage, the negative grid voltage are held at this value by shunting a small value of resistance in the rheostat. This value is best found by trial values over the rheostat, assuming that the filament current and voltage are normally adjusted.

Two large Burgess plate batteries are used. Twenty-two (22) volts are used on the detector; forty-five (45) upon the two amplifying tubes.

The method for fastening the plate batteries is shown clearly in the lower photo. Four ⅜″ rods are mounted vertically by threading the ends into the base. Two oak plates carry a ½ inch thick pad of heavy felt on their underside. Wing nuts clamped down upon the upper plate binds the units tightly in place. It is impossible for them to move about with vibration or change of position.

All tubes are protected from shock by means of two absorbers further which may readily be seen in our illustrations and which is accomplisht thusly: A formica platform bears the three sockets, and a strip of felt is placed between this platform and each supporting bracket. Bracket and platform are attached to respective edges of felt by small machine screws. This provides an ideal protection against shock which may occur on an operator's table.

A grid leak is mounted directly upon a small mica grid condenser provided for the first tube. Ordinarily this capacity should be adjusted by trial.

All parts are mounted upon a Formica panel 8″ × 14″ and enclosed in an oak cabinet. The weight complete is 21 pounds.

Both units have been described briefly. I trust that this may have suggested some feature or design that is acceptable to prospective builders. We depend much upon illustrations, which after all are more effective and explanatory than too detail and possibly confusing explanations.

This equipment was constructed entirely by hand with the few tools possessed by the average amateur. I also want to say there are no distinctly new devices or principles used.

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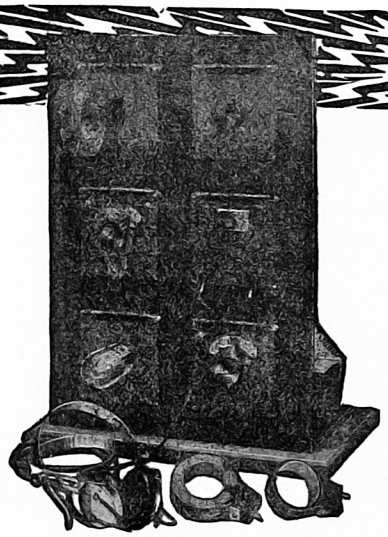

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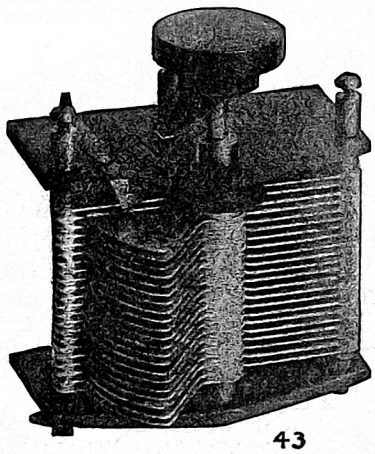

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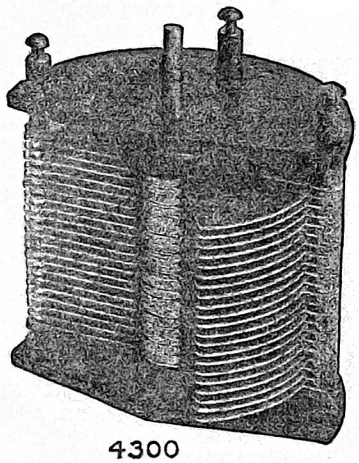

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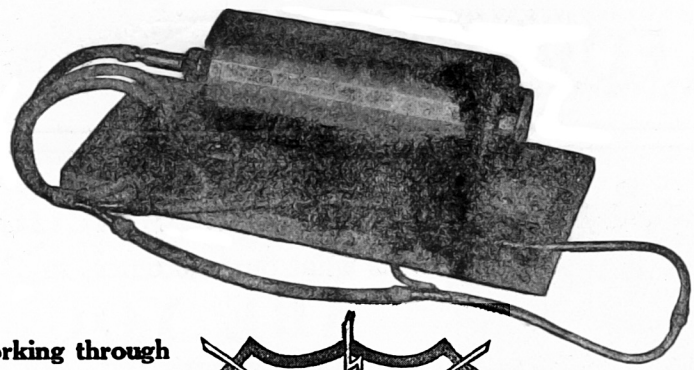

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Electron Power Tubes and Some of their Applications

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excessive plate current. One cause of this is the oscillation of the tubes at a very high frequency, the value of which is determined by the capacity between the electrodes and the inductance of the leads to the grid and plate. In order to avoid these occasional abnormal plate currents it has been found advisable to insert in the grid circuit of a few of the tubes a very small inductance of only a few microhenries value. This precaution prevents the operation of the bank of tubes at this ultra frequency. Such a coil is inserted in the grid circuit as near the grid terminal of the one or two tubes as possible.

Where a considerable number of power tubes are operated in parallel the total plate impedance may reach a rather low value of the order of a few hundred ohms. Also at very high frequencies as small an inductance as 10 microhenries is closely comparable to the tube impedance, and therefore under these two conditions of high frequency (1,000,000 cycles or more) and low total plate impedance it is important that the total plate impedance be as far as possible localized in the tubes and output transformer. Ten or fifteen feet of plate circuit wiring may have a very appreciable effect under these conditions.

For this reason it is usually advisable to bridge the d. c. power leads by a capacity as near the tubes and output transformer as practical; this capacity, of course, to have an impedance (at the frequency used) low in comparison with the tubes.

RADIO TRANSMITTING SETS.

Brief descriptions and illustrations of pieces of apparatus used in the application of pliotron power tubes to various fields, follow.

Description of Power Tube

In Fig. 5 is shown a radio transmitting set arranged for radio telephony or either continuous wave or modulated wave telegraphy. Six Type P pliotrons are used, and for continuous wave telegraphy a maximum antenna radiation of 12 to 15 amperes is obtainable in a six-ohm antenna.

A plate voltage of 2,000 is used, obtained from a double commutator direct current generator of 3½ kw. capacity. Because of this high voltage the set is completely screened in. To gain access to the set it is mounted on wheels running on rails in the supporting frame and when pulled forward to the open position as shown in Fig. 5 all circuits to the set are disconnected. This is following the modern engineering practice of removable switchboard panels of the truck type.

The particular set illustrated is equipt for five wave lengths, any one of which may be instantly put into use by a shift of the dial lever switch to the right of the panel.

It will be noted that there are four adjustments for each wave length. These adjustments correspond to those previously outlined.

(1) Adjustment by change of antenna inductance to the exact wave length desired.

(2) Adjustment of transformer ratio between the plate circuit of the tubes and the antenna circuit.

(3) Adjustment of grid excitation voltage by:

(*a*) Coupling of grid coil.

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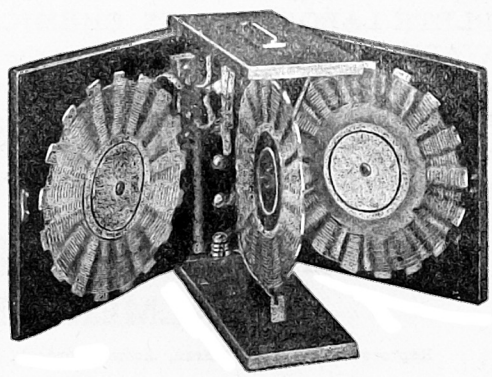

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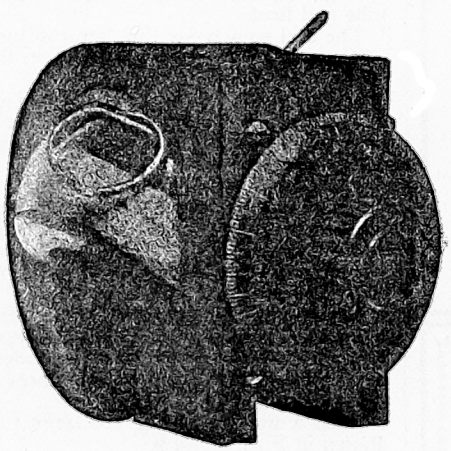

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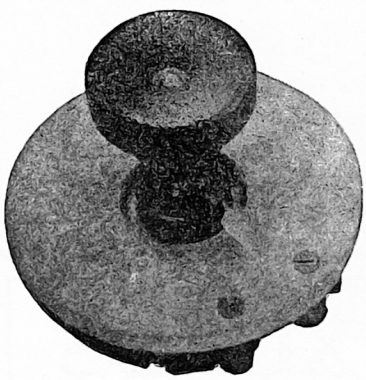

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mal operating negative grid potential. A dial switch is provided for this purpose which can be operated from the front of the panel.

On the upper one of the three panel sections are mounted various controls and instruments. The plate current ammeters for individual tubes are located in the oblong protective cases. These protective cases are used because these instruments are located in the positive or "high side" of the plate circuit. The other instruments are for plate voltage, total plate current, filament voltage and antenna radiation current.

The white circular disk to the right side of the panel is a wavemeter condenser for determining the wave length of the transmitted energy. The transmitter for telephone operation and the key for telegraphic operation are shown in operating position in Fig. 5. This view also shows two of the individual tube plate fuses mentioned in a previous paragraph.

Fig. 6 shows another multiple pliotron tube set, of simpler design, as it is equipt for only three wave lengths and has no adjustments from the front of the panel for best operating conditions.

This view shows the method of tube mounting in a spring suspended cradle so that the set may be operated under conditions of mechanical shock or vibration.

This view also shows three auxiliary pieces of apparatus, the aluminum cell protective device in the upper box, dry batteries for transmitter excitation and normal grid voltage in the lower box, and the transformer for filament lighting from an a. c. source with a center tap connection to minimize the a. c. potential effect.

Equipment for Production of High Frequency Energy.

Two views of pliotron panel equipment for supplying 50,000-cycle energy are shown in Fig. 8.

Instruments are provided for indicating filament voltage, plate voltage, plate current, grid current and high frequency output current.

Means are provided for filament regulation, a slight variation of output frequency, and for an adjustment of grid excitation voltage and ratio of transformation between tube and load.

The dial switch for this latter adjustment of transformer ratio can be seen on the left side of the set in Fig. 7.

In this same view, at the bottom of the left side, a spark gap is shown. This is for protection of the resonance condenser of the load against overvoltage.

If a large number of pliotron tubes are to be operated in parallel, it is best to arrange the design so that there are unit panels, each controlling a certain number of tubes. By combining these panels an equipment of any size can be provided for.

These unit panels contain only the pliotron tubes and their individual auxiliary pieces of control apparatus, the inductance capacities and generating equipment being separate units.

Such a unit panel for six large tubes is shown in Figs. 8 and 9.

Referring first to Fig. 8, each tube position is equipt with the following devices:

(1) Plate ammeter, under a protective cover.

(2) Individual filament rheostat, the control knob being located below and slightly to the left of each plate ammeter.

(3) A plug switch for throwing in or out of circuit each filament.

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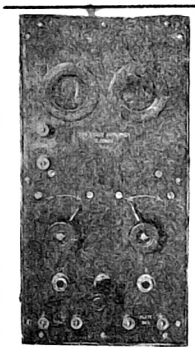

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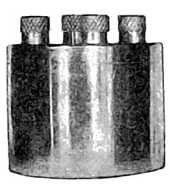

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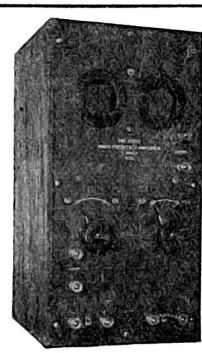

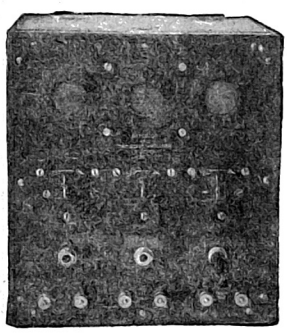

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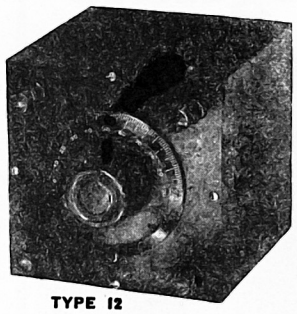

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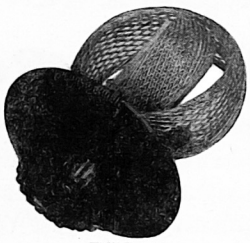

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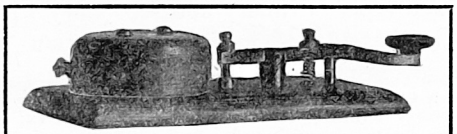

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Referring now to Fig. 9:

(4) Individual plate fuses are provided, the white porcelain fuse blocks showing plainly on the back of the panel.

All filaments, grids and plates are each connected in parallel and brought out to terminal posts mounted at the rear of the framework. Such units are used for either amplifier or oscillator equipment.

A typical power control panel for use in connection with the above unit is shown in Fig. 10.

From left to right the instruments are:

Filament volts, filament amperes, plate volts (in hecto-volt scale divisions) and plate current in amperes. The left switch is for the field circuit of the filament generator and the right switch for the separately excited field of the high voltage d. c. plate source generator.

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The lower left-hand rheostat knob is for filament voltage adjustment and the right-hand rheostat knob is for plate voltage adjustment. In general, therefore, filament control is on the left and plate voltage control on the right.

On the rear of the panel is located the rheostats, plug switch mechanism, fuses, voltmeter resistances and terminals.

Power Tube Amplifier Equipment

A panel equipment of this type containing thirty pliotron power tubes is shown in Figs. 11 and 12. The tube panels are made up on the unit plan previously described.

In Fig. 11 the power panel is the right-hand one and contains instruments and control apparatus for filament and plate sources of supply.

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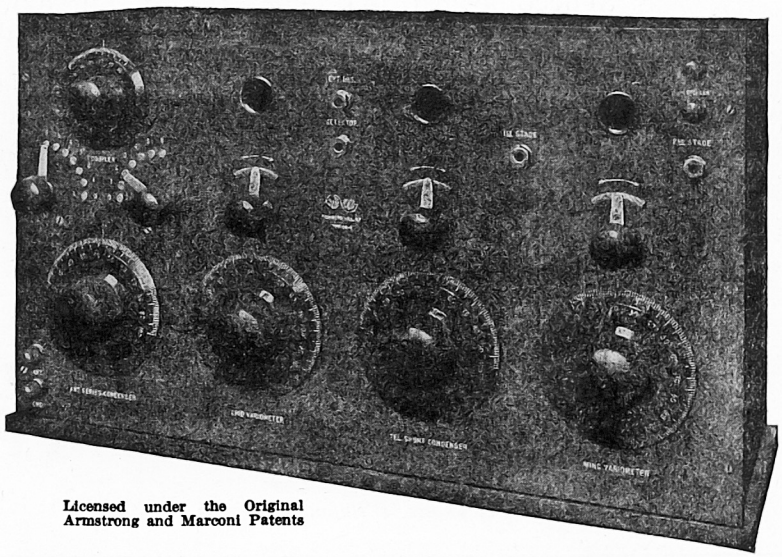

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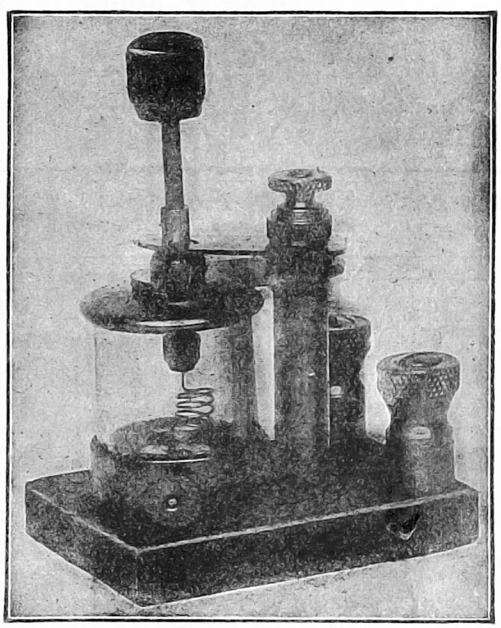

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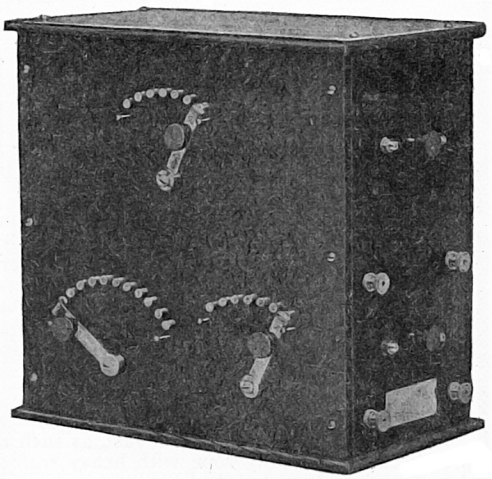

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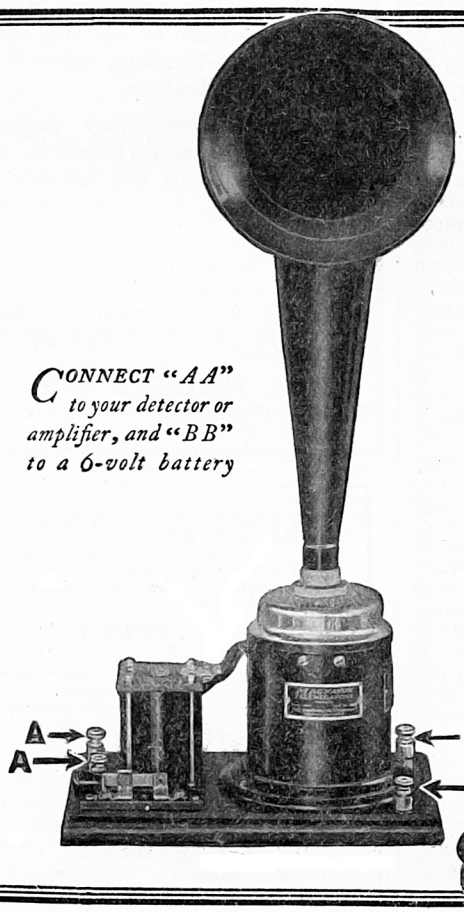

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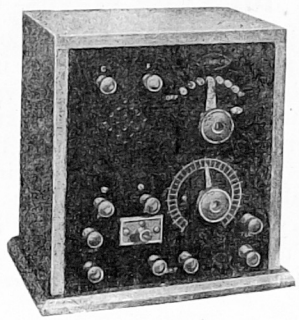

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What Are You Going To Do About It?

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ment he should not expect a great deal, in fact he should not be on the job at all. The harder the examinations and the nearer they come to being replicas of actual operation under severe conditions the better it will be for every one of us in the long run, even though it does mean that we have to pour over some books now and again in order to keep pace with the times.

Inefficient and improperly trained radio men should be a thing of the past, as such a man cannot possibly cope with heavy traffic under the fire of interference, no matter what the schools claim. The same applies to the fellow who horned in on a license after serving some time on a temporary permit. The ocean is covered with "lids" and the only way to get rid of them is to examine the whole bunch all over again and weed out the undesirables You can talk your head off about a strong organization, but the only way in which we can ever expect to place ourselves in the proper light is by the direct application of the golden rule: *Step out of the liability column and be an asset.*

DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRON TUBES

By Marius Latour

The search for a relay without inertia that would amplify very weak currents has long occupied both physicists and engineers. Nor is the idea of utilizing the electrical phenomena in exhausted tubes containing an excited cathode (in form of an auxiliary arc or an incandescent filament) of very recent date. In recent years, however, the electron tubes have been developed to the point where they have assumed great commercial importance, preeminently in communication service, but also in the rectification of small and moderate currents and in measurement work.

The Austrians von Lieben and Reids, undoubtedly influenced by the work of Latour and Weintraub, have, in 1911, designed three-electrode amplifiers containing an atmosphere of mercury vapor. The engineers of the General Electric Company in America have more recently constructed amplifiers in which the vacuum, on the contrary, is pushed as far as possible. The Western Electric Company has, on the other hand, developed amplifiers in which the vacuum is only moderate, but which contain an oxide-coated filament for the purpose of increasing the thermionic emission and consequently the conductivity of the space.

Finally, in the years preceding the war, German as well as American engineers published a number of different circuit connections for the three-electrode amplifier. These publications undoubtedly anticipate some of the work done in France during the last few years. One must not forget, however, that the amplifier of audion type was little known in 1914 and that an exact theoretical study permitting from an engineering point of view the rational use of the apparatus was not at hand. It was under these conditions that the French Military Radio-Telegraphy Department, under the direction of General Ferrie, developed the amplifiers needed in its service. Mr. Abraham soon determined all the characteristics of the tube and all its useful constants. A special type was devised which offers the advantage of simplicity, ruggedness and cheap manufacture.—*Electrical World,* Sept. 11, 1920.

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IMPROPER USE OF STORAGE BATTERY

It has been brought to the attention of the Bureau that operators have been using auxiliary source of power (storage battery), for the operation of audions.

The auxiliary source of power must not be used for any purpose other than that required by section 1, act of June 24, 1910, amended July 23, 1912.

The battery must be kept fully charged and ready for immediate use.

Any defects in the battery or any other part of the radio equipment should be reported to the master of the vessel immediately.

Such neglect of duty on the part of operators may be considered sufficient cause for the suspension or revocation of their license.

INTERNATIONAL RADIO TELEGRAPH CO.'S RATES

The International Radio Telegraph Co. has been authorized to charge 10 cents per word (with no minimum number of words), for transoceanic and coastwise ships which ply between ports, one of which is more than 200 miles from New York, effective October 1, 1920. This rate applies to the Newport, R. I., New London, Conn., and Brooklyn, N. Y., stations of the above-named company.

NEW INTERNATIONAL ABBREVIATIONS

This office is informed by the Berne Bureau as follows:

Abbreviation—

QTC

Question—

Have you anything to transmit?

Response or advice—

I have something to transmit.

I have one or more radiograms for ——.

New signification of abbreviation QRU

QRU—I have nothing to transmit.

I have nothing for you.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED

License No. 19544, issued at Philadelphia, September 20, 1919, has been suspended for a period of three months on account of the holder of the license violating Article VI of the service regulations and the International Convention. The offending operator in this case caused superfluous signals to be transmitted.

NORMAL WAVE LENGTH

Every coast station open to general public service is required to have a normal sending and receiving wave length of 600 meters, and all general public service with ship stations must be conducted on 300, 600, or 1800 meters.

The department interprets the radio laws and the London Convention to require that every coast station, excepting general and restricted amateur, shall have a normal wave length of 600 meters for use in case of distress or emergency, and licenses issued for such stations so indicate.

The indication of a 600-meter normal wave length for a special station does not mean that the station shall use this wave length for its *normal* business. All radio communication, other than general public service, must be conducted on some authorized wave length other than 300, 600 or 1800 meters, but the station is required, when open and no special business is being conducted, to listen in with the receiving apparatus tuned to receive the 600-meter wave length and must be prepared to transmit on 600 meters if necessary.

The Radio Laws and Regulations, edition of August 15, 1919, page 52, paragraphs 38 to 50, inclusive, bear on this subject, and paragraph 44 provides that all coast stations shall listen in at intervals of not more than 15 minutes and for not less than

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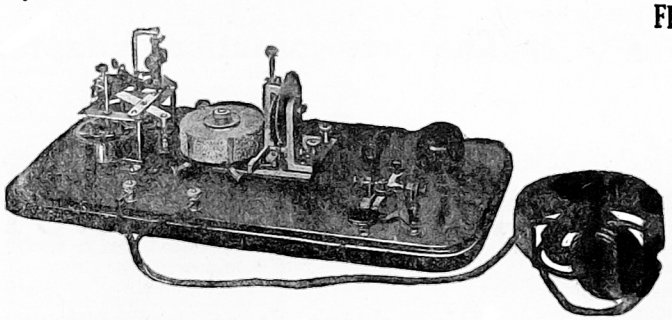

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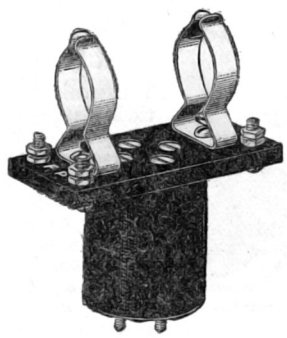

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2 minutes, with the receiving apparatus adjusted to receive a 600-meter wave length. The act of August 13, 1912, section 4, regulation 11, requires general public-service coast stations to listen in at intervals of not less than 15 minutes and for a period of not less than 2 minutes with the receiver tuned to receive messages of 300-meter wave lengths.

INDEPENDENT WIRELESS TELEGRAPH CO.'S RATES

The Independent Wireless Telegraph Co. has been authorized to charge 10 cents per word, no minimum, at their New York station (WSE) for coastwise and transoceanic ships. This rate effective beginning October 1, 1920.

Correspondence

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Convention an endeavor was made to secure a talk by certain men of national prominence. Mr. Hiram Percy Maxim delivered a lecture on the possibilities of the radiophone which was well received by the amateurs on the Pacific Slope.

In the same issue of RADIO NEWS on page 175 there is a lecture printed on vacuum tubes delivered over this radiophone by Lieutenant Ellery W. Stone, U. S. N. R. F., on June 23rd, 1920.

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R. M. KLEIN,
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THIS LADY WISHES ADVICE

Editor of RADIO NEWS:

I am writing to ask your reader's advice about securing a position in the radio field.

I am a young woman, and have had a first grade commercial license for nearly three years. Last June I had it renewed and received a rating of 91.8% in my examination, the highest mark of any of the fifteen men who took the "exam" at the same time.

I had three months' experience in the Signal Corps as Radio Apparatus Inspector and was honorably discharged soon after the Armistice was signed. My work was to give the final inspection to all government orders of radio apparatus at the factory where I was stationed.

After that I was a Reconstruction Aide in the Medical Department at U. S. General Hospital No. 31, Carlisle, Pa. I taught wireless to wounded soldiers and was finally discharged at my own request, as I desired a vacation after eleven months' work.

Now I find it almost impossible to get a radio position of any kind in spite of my experience just because I am a woman. I would be willing to do anything in the radio line or go anywhere. I would like an actual operating job best, but would be willing to work in the laboratory or inspection department of a factory.

Do you think you could help me to get such a position? Would it do any good is easily adaptable to this arrangement. No if I advertised in your magazine? Would you be willing to publish this letter?

If anyone could give me some advice on this matter it would be greatly appreciated by

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ANOTHER "KICK"

Editor of RADIO NEWS:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my admiration for the wonderful magazine you put out in the RADIO NEWS. I have been a subscribed to your magazine in the old days of "Modern Electrics" and must say that you always put over the goods.

Let the RADIO NEWS keep up the good work and don't digress from its Radio purpose, and you will have a loyal bunch of readers. I must say that I like the name of RADIO NEWS better than the old name, as this puts the magazine on a higher level which it well deserves.

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WHAT, AGAIN?

Editor of RADIO NEWS:

For the information of Mr. G. C. Hallett, whose letter appears in the September number of the RADIO NEWS under the heading "Who Was the First Lady 'Opr' Anyway,' as well as for that of the young lady who wrote "The Autobiography of a Girl Amateur," I would like to say that the Mrs. Turner to whom Mr. Hallett refers, was not Mrs. Turner, but Mrs. Tucker. I relieved her for a few days while she was working on the "Indianapolis."

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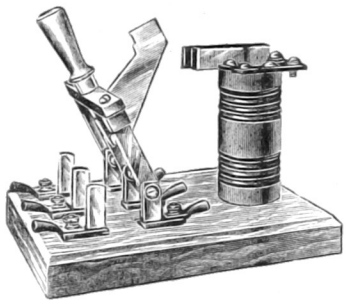

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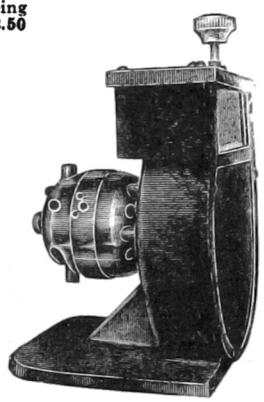

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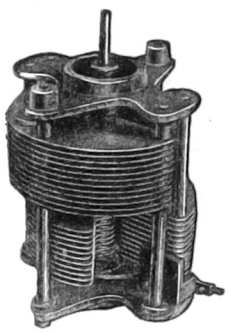

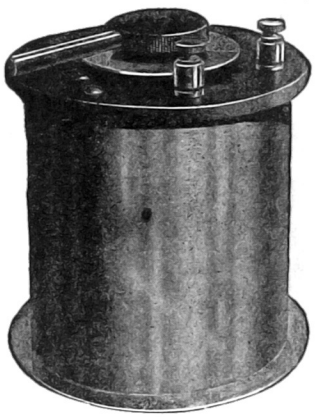

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A paper presented before the Associated Demented Radio Engineers at Ipswich on July 23rd

IT has been generally conceded that the most essential requisite for reliable long-distance radio communication is a wave of the undamped variety. Several methods are in use for the generation of undamped waves, and the most successful of these is the Alexanderson Radio Frequency Alternator.

In the first place, this machine is manufactured by the General Electric Company, and they are manufactured in such large quantities that the G. E. Co. had to find a simplified name for them, so they therefore called them just alternating current generators, and painted them red. Now this bright color has a very important action on the operation of the machine, although very few people are aware of it. It is generally understood that ultra-violet rays are produced by a very high-frequency current. There is a horn gap situated on the top of the alternator. This horn gap is so located that it is in the center of the magnetic field, and is completely surrounded by red.

Now, Professor Snitchblossom, of the Royal Botanical Museum, tells us in his "Twenty Years Among the Bugs" of the great attraction which the color red has for insectivorous life. Now the frequency of an insect's wing is well-known to be among the thousands. A piece of cheese is placed on the horn gap in such a position that the insects will fly around it. In their frenzied desire to get at the cheese their little wings generate an oscillating current of tremendous frequency. This current in turn has a refractory action on the violet red color of the machine and thus produces ultra-violet rays. These rays are collected in a large basket by the Alternator attendant and are turned over to the Shift engineer. The Shift engineer shifts the rays about, sorts them out according to polarity, weighs them, makes an entry on the log sheet, and then dumps them into a wash-tub-looking affair called a magnetic amplifier.

Now this magnetic amplifier is one of Mr. Alexanderson's most important inventions. It consists of a complete space in the form of a circle, filled with two sets of vacuums placed at right angles to each other. These vacuums act inductively, therefore, on the field of the alternator and cause an output onto the antenna. The antenna used with the Alexanderson system is called the multiple-tuned antenna. This is undoubtedly the only antenna in the world which is an aid to politics An indication of this fact was seen when President Wilson and Secretary Daniels used it in their "Heart to Heart Talks for Wayward Democrats." This antenna, ever since its use by President Wilson in his transatlantic telephone conversation, has had the peculiar property of doubling and even trebling the amperes a good many times. A complete understanding of this phenomena is not available at the present writing, but it is hinted that Christian Science radiation meters are used at some stations.

Probably the most interesting and creditable part of this system is the device used to increase the efficiency of the alternator. Credit for this device is due a Mr. William Clark, of Newark, New Jersey, U. S. A. Mr. Clark immediately realized the value of trained bugs to the Corporation, so he started along these lines. He figured that after the common variety of June bugs flew across the gap 347 times it was powerless to resist the temptation to stop and alight on the cheese. Now the result of

such action is easily seen. The poor insect is instantly electrocuted. Mr. Clark therefore had to find a way to detract the bug's attention from the cheese; so upon investigation he found that by slightly altering the phase relation of the cheese to the negative horn gap and by throwing pies at the shift engineer he could make the bug fly back and forth across the horn gap 596 times. Now the frequency of a June bug's wing is purely a matter of conjecture. It is rumored that the General Electric Company spent thousands of dollars upon research work along these lines and finally hit upon a method of ascertaining frequency. They found a man named Blanding, who rapidly became interested in the work and sent him to Marion. It is understood that Mr. Blanding's knowledge of the generation of insectivorous frequencies is wide and expensive and at some later date it is hoped to publish some results of his work along these lines.—*Samuel Curtis in World Wide Wireless.*

Electron Tube Transmitter—

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their relative number of radio-frequency oscillations per cycle the vertical lines have been so spaced that each one represents a complete radio-frequency cycle.

It is not to be inferred from this diagram that the trains of voltage waves applied to the rectifier in a receiving circuit have an envelope precisely similar to the exponential envelope shown here for the wave-train transmitter from the spark set. Nor should the assumption be made that diaphrams of the receiving telephones, when acted upon by a strong voltage impulse lasting for one ten-thousandth of a second, are distorted a proportionately greater amount than when acted upon by a weak impulse lasting for a thousandth of a second. Undoubtedly, however, the voltage impacts acting upon the telephones are very much the more intense, tho lasting for a shorter time, with the wave train of higher peak value, and it is possible that this is the correct explanation of the louder signal furnished by the logarithmically modulated wave train with simple rectifying detector. If the same power be radiated at long wavelengths it is quite possible for the peak value of the logarithmically modulated wave train to be so reduced in magnitude that the average value of their square (which is the measure of the output voltage of the detector) is equal to or even less than similar values for the sinusoidally modulated waves. It is likely also that if the wavelengths of transmission be sufficiently increased, the same results in receiving the signals with a rectifying detector can be obtained with the tube transmitter as with a similar spark transmitter.

In summarizing the foregoing discussion the following essential points appear: (1) It has been found that an electron-tube transmitter operated *wholly from an alternating-current source* can be made to compare favorably in operating efficiency with a similar transmitter operated from a direct-current source; (2) it possesses the advantage of not requiring a high-voltage battery or generator; (3) the added advantage over a continuous-wave transmitter is that signals may be received over limited distance with non-oscillating detector.

A more complete description of the experiments made in developing this transmitter, and of the theory of its operation will be published at a later date as a Scientific Paper of the Bureau of Standards.—*Journal of the Washington Academy of Science.*

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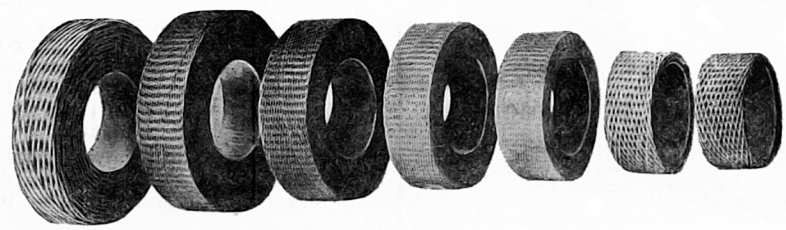

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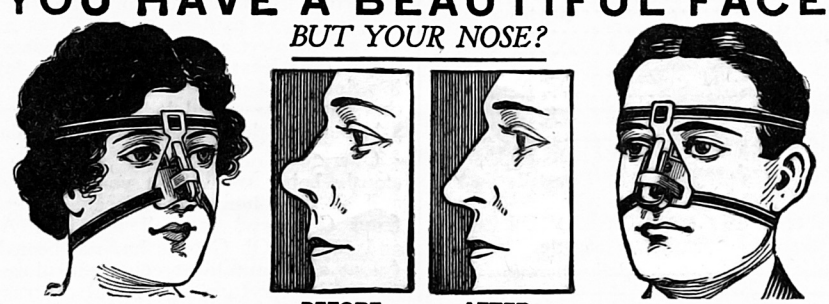

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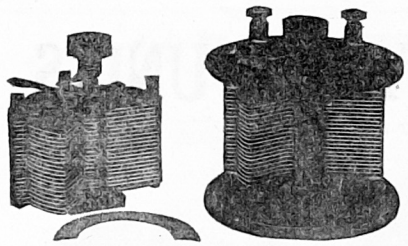

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The Professional Operator and The Amateur

By Claude Cathcart Levin

THE gulf between the professional operator and the amateur is a wide one despite ideas held to the contrary. And as the "big game" tends more and more to become a profession and a life work with a future to it, the gulf widens instead of becoming smaller.

The reasons for the above are many and well founded and the fact that a distance separates the two is nothing to the discredit of either.

Most of the professional operators were originally amateurs and it is to be noted that for the first six months after entrance, they remain amateurs at heart. A short time after a man becomes a professional operator, he soon learns that the main and most important part of his duties are telegraphic instead of technical and that his worth will be judged by the radio superintendents by his ability to "handle the stuff." This is especially so if he is to operate on board a passenger liner where the passengers and ships business makes quite a respectable total during a voyage.

Unlike most of the other machinery aboard, the radio set must not be put out of commission unless it is absolutely necessary to make vital repairs. Down in the engine room they can and must be constantly overhauling the machinery even though it is in fairly good condition, and there are duplicates for most of the important units, even to the main engines when there are twin screws. Even if the vessel should be compelled to stop to effect repairs, it would be in no great danger but a radio set out of commission for even a short time causes great anxiety on the bridge. Consequently the natural inclination of the operator to keep his set in tip top repair is somewhat discouraged. This does not mean that the operator must not go over his apparatus very thoroughly at regular intervals, but it means that he must confine himself to only those repairs and changes that are absolutely necessary. It is because of this that the sets are made more and more "fool proof" all the time. The great service companies that have the contracts for the ships have large forces of repair and maintenance men and the apparatus is thoroughly gone over upon a ship's arriving and before sailing.

Another thing that tends to separate the professional and the amateur is the fact that the professional is in the game for a living and the amateur for pastime. Such incidents as that which occurred a short time ago when a New England amateur made public the traffic over the Submarine S5, hurt instead of help the profession. For the reading public, when reading the distorted press notices, imagine that the men who are paid to protect lives at sea are not as alert as the boys following their hobby. At least in this case, many laymen imagined and expressed it as their view that the professional lads had been caught asleep while the amateur saved the day.

Operators on passenger ships are constantly being told about young George so and so back home who receives messages from Germany, as well as from Africa and Japan. Oh George has not been bashful at all about his receiving exploits and the passenger forms a mental contrast not altogether in favor of the quiet young man at the key, when informed that the excellent set aboard has a probable range of five hundred miles in daylight.

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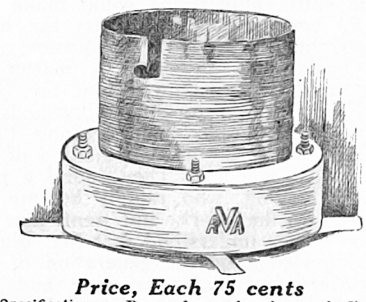

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In conclusion I wish to say that the thinking experimenter is a man who is thoroughly appreciated by the professional and the entrance of the latter into the game is a thing to be desired. For the good of the game now-a-days demands only the best and the QRM lads are due to go.

The Audion—Its Action and Some Applications

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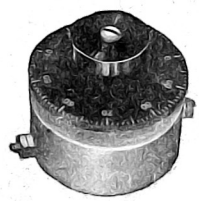

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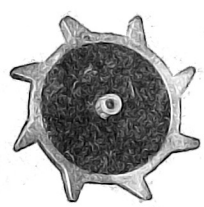

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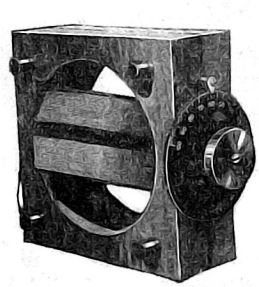

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vivid idea than any description of the thoro completeness with which the American Telegraph and Telephone engineers have applied the audion repeater to the commercial long-distance telephone service. It illustrates a typical group of repeater racks, each rack carrying two complete repeaters. This view was taken at one of the main repeater stations on the Boston-Washington underground cable line, located at Princeton, N. J.

The third and final part of this article will appear in our December issue.

Club Gossip

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Word has been received from the American Radio Relay League headquarters in Hartford that the county association and all its sections have been officially affiliated with the national organization and charters will be forwarded at once.

For the first time in the history of amateur radio, the whole of the Untied States has been visited by officers of the league. Hiram Percy Maxim, president, attended a convention of the west coast amateurs at the San Francisco Radio Club in August. J. O. Smith, traffic manager, has been all through the middle west and southern states and Kenneth B. Warner, secretary, is now attending a convention of the central states amateurs in Chicago. All of the national officers will probably attend a convention of the New England amateurs at Worcester the last of this month. Essex county will be well represented at this convention.

At a meeting of the Lynn section recently held a unanimous vote of thanks and support was given F. Clifford Estey, county president, in approval of his activity and results obtained and he was instructed to continue his effort to build the whole of Essex county into

HOOSIER RADIO LEAGUE.

The Hoosier Radio League held its first meeting at the Y. M. C. A. recently. Seventeen Howard county radio amateurs were present. The following officers were elected: Kenneth Schneiderman, presidentffi Geörge Machin, vice-president; Ervin Middleton, treasurer, and Walter Lanterman, secretary.

Mr. Machin gave a short talk on the purpose of the organization, in which he outlined the activities of the league for the coming year. He stated that a careful study of the Government laws and regulations relative to amateur radio communication would be made, and all members of the Club would be expected to obey them. New members will receive instructions on the operation of instruments and also on the code. The league also plans to erect a station which will be on exhibition at different times to acquaint the public with the work that is being done by the amateurs.

A research committee was appointed their business being to find the answer to any question concerning radio that may be brought before the Club.

Anyone desiring to join will be considered as charter member by enrolling on or before that time. Write to Secretary Lanterman, Hoosier, R. L., Y. M. C. A., Kokomo, Ind.

ATLANTA, GA. RADIO CLUB.

Announcement has been made of a meeting every Friday night of the Atlanta Radio Club at the Georgia Tech Radio Station for a class in radio work.

All members of the Atlanta Radio Club who cannot receive as fast as te nwords a minute are requested to become members of the class, as well as all young men of Atlanta interested in wireless telegraphy. The radio class will be organized for the summer session Friday night. The Georgia Tech Radio Station is regarded as one of the best equipped wireless stations in the South.

ROCHESTER RADIO CLUB.

The Radio Club, composed of amateur wireless operators in Rochester, reopened activities at a meeting at the Central Y. M. C. A. recently. The Club has been adjourned during the summer on account of unfavorable operating conditions.

The members have many plans for the winter, including the building of a radiophone and the establishment of Rochester as a regular station on some of the amateur relay routes. This will be made possible by the fact that several members have sets of adequate power for efficient relay stations. Visitors are cordially welcomed at any of the Club meetings.

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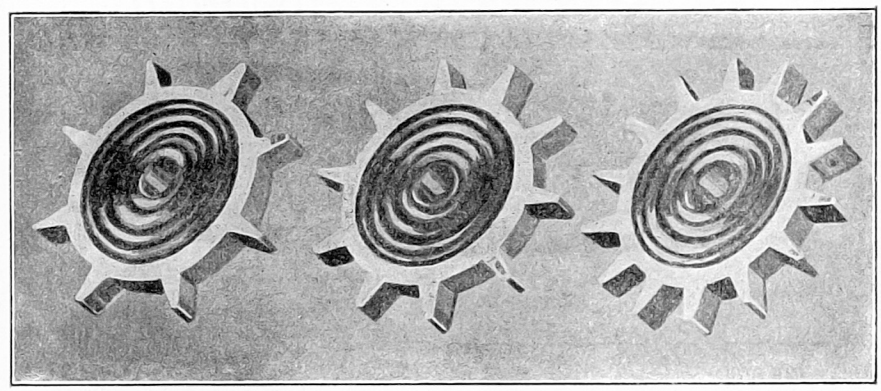

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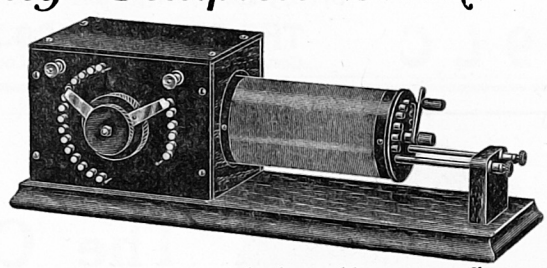

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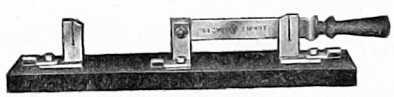

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HAMPTON ROADS RADIO ASSN.

T. C. White, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., was elected president of the Hampton Roads Radio Association, at a meeting held in the Norfolk Radio School recently. Other officers were elected as follows:

Vice-president, L. C. Herndon, Portmouth; secretary-treasurer, R. L. Hopkins, Norfolk; chief of construction, H. L. Busk, Norfolk, and chief operator, S. A. Rosenthal, Norfolk. They are named for semi-annual terms.

Mr. Van Nortrand, U. S. radio inspector, who was organizer of the association, which promises to become one of the leading radio bodies in the country, has begun a series of lectures for beginners and advanced amateurs and all members are urged to attend the meetings to hear these addresses. Also, all persons interested in radio work are invited to join the association.

At the meeting, aside from discussion of important matters and transaction of routine business, steps were taken for the prevention of unnecessary interference with radio messages, caused by local work as well as by ships. The schedule to be followed for communications was arranged as follows:

7 to 10 p. m.—local work only.

10 p. m. to 6 a. m.—long distance work only (from 50 to 4,000 miles or more).

6 a. m. to 7 p. m.—free ether for all communications and testings.

In abiding by this schedule, it is said, the members of the association will greatly help the relaying and handling of wireless messages. The next meeting will be held in the old class room of the Norfolk Radio School, Main and Atlantic Sts., Norfolk, Va.

ALBANY RADIO CLUB.

The Albany Radio Club at a recent meeting in the Y. M. C. A. initiated several new members. After the regular business the Club went to the electro chemical laboratory of the Shatlon Manufacturing Company where the construction of rheostats was demonstrated by Harry Mulligan and the winding of field coils explained by Mr. Arnold of the General Electric Company.

PORT JERVIS RADIO CLUB.

At a meeting held at the residence of T. H. Willers in Matamoras recently, a radio club was formed by the radio amateurs of Port Jervis and vicinity. The Club will be known as The Radio Club of Port Jervis. Meetings will be held on Tuesday night of each week at the residence of Mr. Willers. Code practice and radio topics will be the main feature of the meetings. Some of the members have already receiving sets, which were constructed by the owners, and those that have not sets will build or are building them. The present membership consists of T. H. Willers, William Slater, R. Halsted, R. Whittington, R. Wohlscheidt.

TRIANGLE RADIO CLUB.

The Triangle Radio Club is a new club formed by amateur radio operators in Rochester, N. Y. The officers are: President, Hugh Stevenson; vice-president, Victor Martin; secretary, Thomas J. Whalen; treasurer, George Hall; publicity agent, J. K. Marcus. Meetings are held in the homes of members. Much interest is being displayed in the new vacuum tube which is to replace the crystal detector. The tube is said to enable the operator to get messages from Eiffel Tower, Paris; Naun, Germany, and other places in Europe.

An amateur of Rochester may become a member of the new club by passing a test. Dues are 25 cents a month. Amateurs desiring to join should write to Hugh Stevenson, president, at 176 Benton St.

RADIO CLUB OF WESTFIELD, N. J.

These officers have been elected by the newly formed radio club fo Westfield, N. J.: President, Christopher Hobson; vice-president, Edward Hubert; secretary, Donald Vervoort, and treasurer, Leslie Payne.

The club is composed of young men and youths of the town who are interested in wireless telegraphy and wireless telephony. All radio amateurs not yet affiliated with the club are invited to attend the meetings which are usually held weekly in the Prospect Street School building. Permanent headquarters elsewhere are expected to be obtained before the cold weather season comes on and some very interesting meetings will be held this fall and winter.

RADIO CLUB OF BURLINGTON, IOWA.

The boys of the Radio Club of Burlington have received a letter of commendation from J. W. Sackrider, past admiral of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association congratulating them upon the work done in connection with the regatta.

Admiral Sackrider wrote:

"I am sending this letter in appreciation of the many favors shown the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association at our recent meet in your city, and I want to assure you that it is gratifying to have had the pleasure of letting you time "Miss Toronto," at which time she broke the world's record, and I hope that at some future meet, we will be able to have the pleasure of using you boys again."

WASHINGTON, PA. RADIO CLUB.

A meeting of the wireless club of the Washington High school was called recently and the following officers were elected to serve this winter: President, Thomas McNary; vice-president, Sam Workman; secretary and treasurer, Charles McNary.

This club has the finest wireless set in town set up in the school building and they expect to get in some good work with it this winter. There are approximately thirty-five members in the organization already, and more are expected to join. Some new equipment is to be added to the set and a license will be taken out by some member of the Club so that they can operate as a registered send and receiving station.

SAN FRANCISCO RADIO CLUB.

A convention of radio manufacturers, the initial conference of its kind on this coast, will be held in San Francisco in the latter part of October, it was announced recently by the San Francisco Radio Club.

The three-days' session will open with an address over a radio telephone to the convention hall. The instrument will be installed by the De Forrest Radio Telephone and Telegraph Company, under the supervision of R. M. Klein. By radio, too, it is planned, dance music will be furnished for entertainment.

The Man Who Stands By

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The commander left the radio room reiterating that the vessel was sinking and that all hands make for the lifeboats.

Goodwin contemplated the radio instruments. Here was a situation he thought when they would be of no use. He had installed a four stage amplifier for receiving purposes, thus it was possible to receive stations half way around the world when he so desired.

In this particular case Goodwin as a radio man was not particularly useful. The officers on the ship were too busy to realize the vessel was not sinking. To locate them in the tumult raging below was impossible. Goodwin's eyes rested upon the loud speaking telephone which he sometimes used when certain passengers requested to hear music from an obliging orchestra in San Francisco. With this horn, for it was little more, a phone being attached to the mouthpiece, the signals could be heard over a large part of the steamer.

Goodwin detached the phone and stept from the room, te mouthpiece resting securely before his mouth. Then in his loudest voice, which sounded like a dull roar, yet audible about the ship, he cried out the news that the vessel was not sinking and that the captain had become a raving maniac which accounted for the false alarm.

After a few moments passengers heard him. They stopt their mad rush and listened. Officers heard and repeated the information. Gradually everyone knew that a dreadful hoax had been played on them. The engineers returned to their duty, the fires were replenished and soon the vessel was again moving.

Then after all was again quiet the result was ascertained. No one had been killed. Many were injured, however, and some seriously so that the ship's doctor became a busy man.

The captain could not be found. It was supposed he had jumped overboard in his maniacal panic.

Sundown found the ship was in complete order and the night passed quickly by. Day broke and the ocean awakened as an obedient child not yet ready for mischief.

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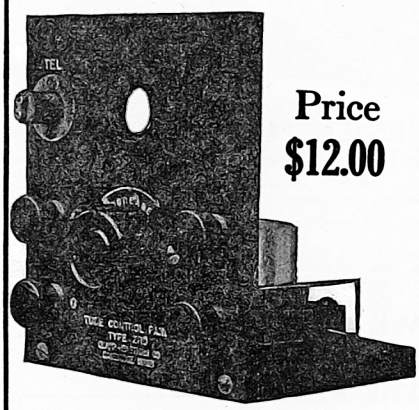

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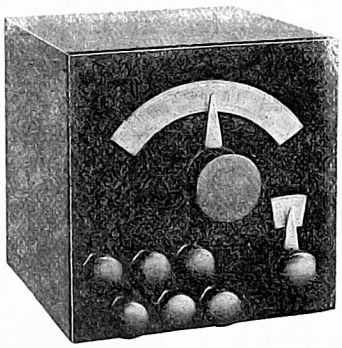

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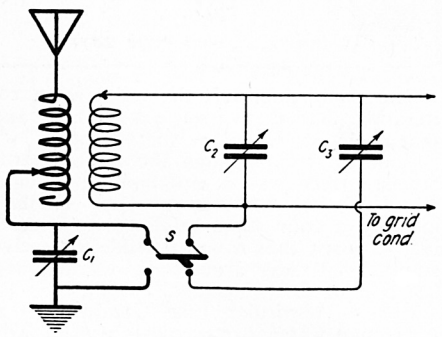
By David L. Moore.

In dealing with the amateur radio station of the present day, one can be pretty safe in assuming two things: first, that the amateur "opr" is not satisfied with simply "working," or copying his brother amateurs, but likes to keep in touch with the "commercials' also, on their six hundred meter wave; secondly, that he will require a variable condenser in the primary of his receiving circuit for amateur signals, but not for those of the commercial stations.

Many manufacturers of amateur receiving sets have apparently overlooked these features, with the result that the average wireless "fan" often finds himself with an empty pocketbook, and a set that will not copy the signals in the six hundred meter neighborhood with efficiency.

The diagram herewith indicates a circuit which will not only give high efficiency



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Now for 200 meter wave lengths, open switch S, tune primary to that wave length with condenser C1, and secondary with C2, condenser C3 now being out of the circuit.

A few experiments will soon determine the proper capacity of all three condensers for any two particular wave length, after which they need not be touched, for "listening-in" work.

It should be observed that the lower secondary lead in the diagram should be connected with the grid condenser circuit, for if the other lead is used the capacitive effects of condenser C3 are detrimental to short wave work.

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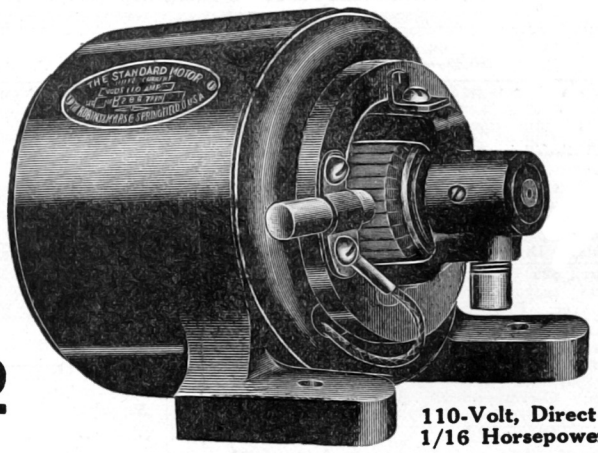

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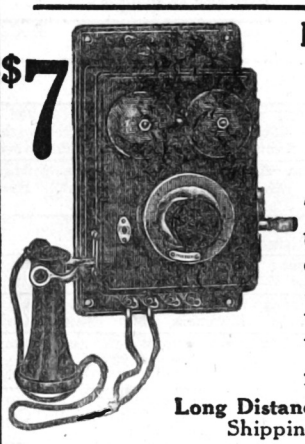

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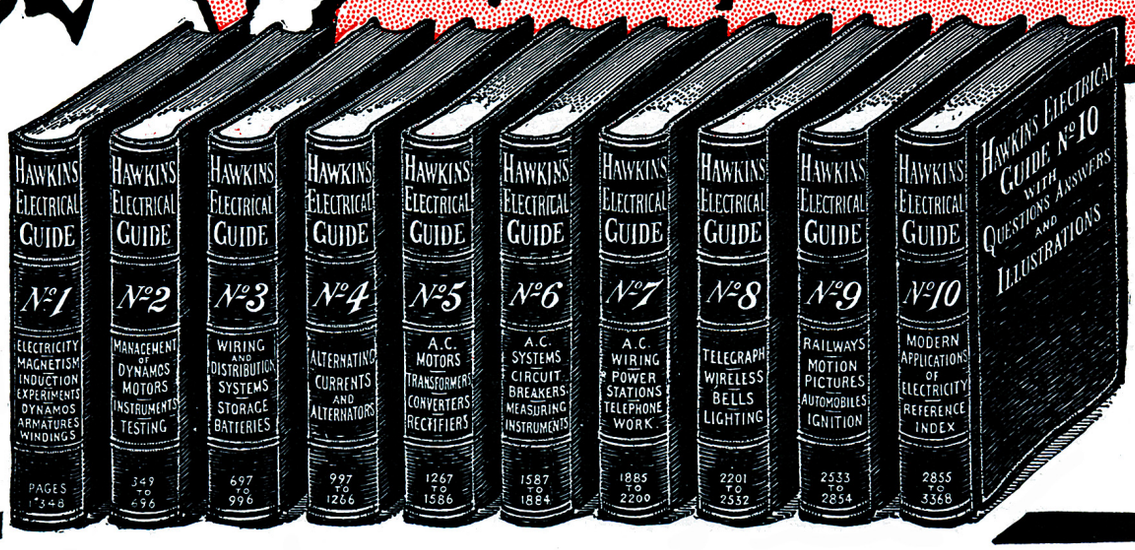

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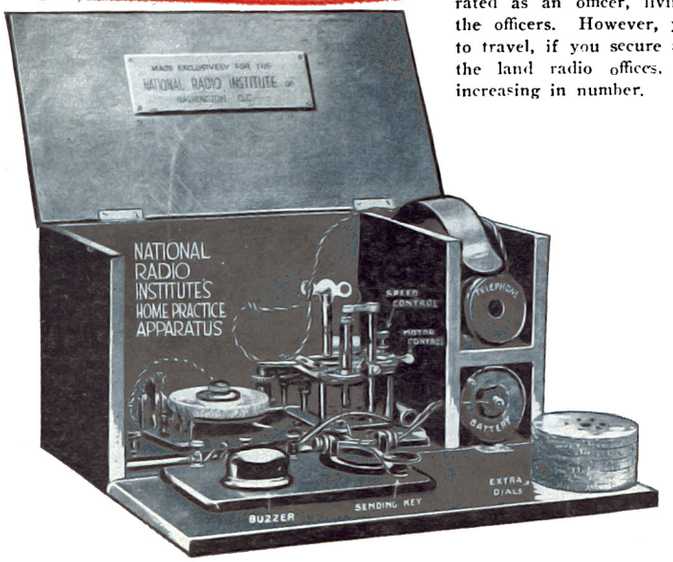

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